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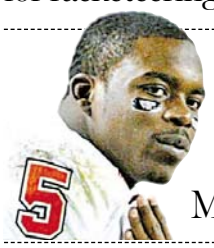

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Walter Reed Picked to Close

Base relocation panel votes to shutter historic D.C. hospital

ARLINGTON, VA. | After nearly a century of service in Northwest Washington, Walter Reed Army Medical Center is a step closer to moving to the suburbs. A federal commission voted Thursday to close the venerable institution and shift many of its services to facilities in southern Maryland and Northern Virginia.

Chairman Anthony Principi called the base-closing commission's 8-0 decision a "no-brainer." He said while the medical care at Walter Reed is "extraordinary," the 96-year-old hospital needs to be modernized.

Under the plan, many of the medical services at Walter Reed would be relocated to a state-of-the-art, expanded hospital in Bethesda, Md., to be renamed Walter Reed in a nod to the old facility's heritage. Other services would be moved to Fort Belvoir in Fairfax County, Va.

Principi

One-time costs, including construction, would total $989 million. The Pentagon would save $301 million over 20 years, the commission said. A final report must be submitted to President Bush by Sept. 8. LIZ SIDOTI (AP)

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LANNIS WATERS/PALM BEACH POST/AP

GET A GRIP: Todd Goldsberry clings to a piling amid rough waters in West Palm Beach, Fla., Thursday as Hurricane Katrina crept toward the coastline. ✤ **Short cut:** Minimal damage expected | **Page 3**

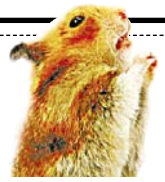
Six Flags Tries to Foil Snyder Bid

OKLAHOMA CITY | Six Flags Inc. is putting itself up for sale at auction, one week after Washington Redskins owner Dan Snyder bid to raise his stake in the amusement-park operator and oust Kieran Burke as chairman and CEO. Its shares rose 11 percent.

Six Flags, the world's second biggest theme-park operator after The Walt Disney Co., said Thursday it would invite dissident shareholder Red Zone LLC — an investment firm controlled by Snyder — to participate in the auction.

But it also said it opposed Snyder's attempt to gain control of the company through a tender offer that would boost its stake in Six Flags to just under 35 percent.

Details of the board-authorized auction were not spelled out. Six Flags did not offer a timetable, saying only that it would be thorough and prompt. Analysts Kathy Styponias and Aaron Bearce of Prudential Equity Group wrote in a report Thursday that they didn't see any likely bidders besides Snyder in the market. JEFF LATZKE (AP)



CELL PHONES | **Sprint Wireless** A Lawford, England, teenager has invented a hamster-powered cell-phone charger, the Press Association reported. Peter Ash got the idea after his sister complained his pet hamster, "Elvis," was keeping her up at night by running on an exercise wheel. Thirteen months later, Ash had developed a 5-inch device to capture the energy generated by the hamster's efforts and charge a cell phone. The device also became his electronics class project. (EXPRESS) **EyeOpeners** | Page 2

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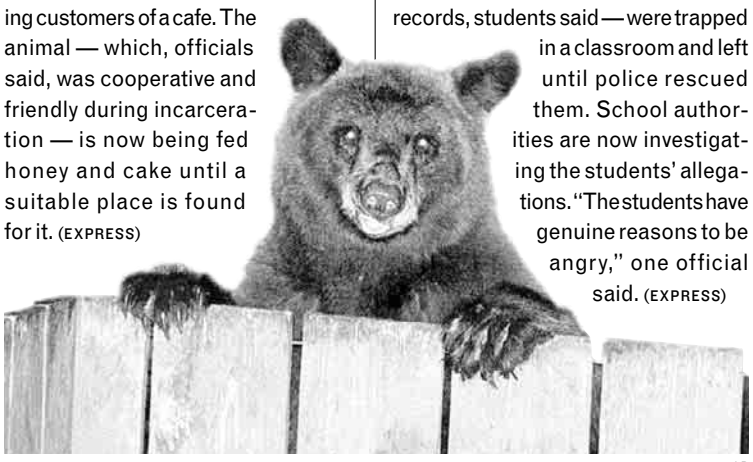
WILDLIFE

Yogi Bear Meets Reality

Divnogorsk, Russia, police arrested a bear and jailed it for hounding drivers for food, Agence France-Presse reported. The bear was offered to a zoo, but it turned the animal down, so the bear was hauled in to the station for harassing customers of a cafe. The animal — which, officials said, was cooperative and friendly during incarceration — is now being fed honey and cake until a suitable place is found for it. (EXPRESS)



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ROLE REVERSAL

No, We'll Teach YOU a Lesson

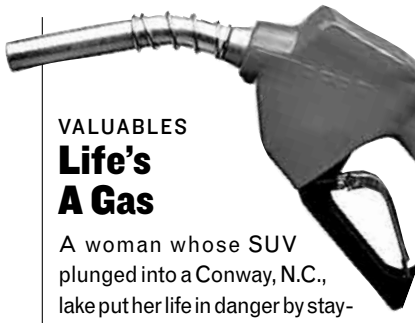
Students at a Jambura, India, high school were so fed up with their teachers' behavior, they gave them a time out, the Indo-Asian News Service reported. Twelve faculty members — many of whom have poor attendance records, students said — were trapped in a classroom and left until police rescued them. School authorities are now investigating the students' allegations. "The students have genuine reasons to be angry," one official said. (EXPRESS)

STEPHEN HIRDELENIT/REUTERS

ZOOS

People Watching

It's OK to watch, but, zoo officials ask, please do not feed the people. Volunteers inside the Bear Mountain enclosure had their interactions observed as part in the "Human Zoo exhibit" at London Zoo in London on Thursday. The exhibit, which runs until Aug. 29, is meant to communicate the importance of man's place in the planet's ecosystem. (EXPRESS)



VALUABLES

Life's A Gas

A woman whose SUV plunged into a Conway, N.C., lake put her life in danger by staying in the car, worried about $80 in gas she'd just put in it. When it began sinking, two men in a boat swam to her aid, pulling her out; she then told them she was concerned about the gas. A fire official said if the men had not saved her, she would've died. (AP)

SOLUTIONS

Stop Wining and Fix It

A train in Bath, England, averted a long delay for repairs thanks to a wine-bottle cork, the Press Association reported. After hitting concrete, the train suffered a hole in equipment that warns of a fuel leak. Within 20 minutes, the driver blocked it with a cork from the buffet car to get the train going. (EXPRESS)

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MELTED HOPES: San Francisco is no winter wonderland, at least for a couple weeks. A plan to dump 200 tons of snow on a steep city street and open a temporary ski ramp has been postponed, but could go forward in two weeks.

Nation

ANDY NEWMAN/AP

Max Mayfield of the National Hurricane Center tracks the storm's progress.

Katrina's Damage to Be Limited

FORT LAUDERDALE, FLA. | Hurricane Katrina dumped sheets of rain, kicked up the surf and blew strong winds ashore Thursday, toppling trees and driving sand across waterfront streets as it made landfall on the state's densely populated southeast coast.

Katrina's maximum sustained winds increased from 50 to 80 mph on Thursday, making it a Category 1 storm as it hit south of Fort Lauderdale, said hurricane specialist Lixion Avila with the National Hurricane Center in Miami.

An estimated 5.9 million Florida residents were in Katrina's projected path.

Category 1 storms have maximum sustained winds of 74 to 95 mph, and wind damage to secured structures is usually minimal. Weather officials said Katrina was mostly a rain event, with flooding the main concern. JILL BARTON (AP)

HEARSAY | TERROR

"I'm scared to go to work and leave my kids home. I call them every 30 minutes to make sure they're OK."

—RANDY VORICK

OF LA HABRA, CALIF., AFTER AN AUG. 7 FOX NEWS REPORT THAT WRONGLY TIED HIS FAMILY TO A RADICAL LINKED TO THE LONDON BOMBINGS

Sheehan Prepares for U.S. Bus Tour

Mother of slain soldier plans to continue vigil in D.C. on Sept. 24

CRAWFORD, TEXAS | A slain soldier's mother said Thursday that the anti-war vigil she started nearly three weeks ago near President George W. Bush's ranch won't end when she and other protesters pack up the camp next week.

Cindy Sheehan said the day after she leaves Aug. 31, she will embark on a bus tour ending up in Washington, D.C., on Sept. 24. Then the group will start a 24-hour vigil in the nation's capital.

"I am not alone," she said at a news conference Thursday.

"There's the people standing behind me here, but there's thousands of military families ... who want the same answers to the same questions," she added.

L.M. OTERO/AP

Cindy Sheehan carries her son's boots near President Bush's ranch on Thursday.

The Rev. Al Sharpton, the civil rights activist and a contender in 2004 for the Democratic presidential nomination, said that he plans to join Sheehan on Sunday in a prayer vigil.

Cindy Sheehan returned to the camp Wednesday after a weeklong absence when her mother suffered a stroke in Los Angeles. Sheehan said her mother was improving.

"I feel like I'm home," Sheehan told The Associated Press. "Even when I was in California, half of me was always here. I felt like since I started it, I should be here."

When Sheehan arrived at the campsite and first saw a large banner depicting her son's face, she sobbed, had to sit down and said she felt ill.

Some of her supporters brought her water and cold towels, and she recovered about 20 minutes later.

Sheehan started camping off the main road leading to Bush's ranch Aug. 6, vowing to stay through his monthlong vacation unless he talks with her.

She said she realizes that Bush has no intentions of meeting with her and other grieving families at the protest, but that her vigil has accomplished other things.

"I absolutely think it's worthwhile because we've galvanized the peace movement," she said. "We've started people talking about the war again." ANGELA K. BROWN (AP)

FARGO, N.D. | FLOATING IN THE FLOOD

BRUCE CRUMMY/AP

DOWNPOUR: North Dakota State junior Dan Miller happily floats on an air mattress in a flooded intersection on Thursday while friends frolic in the 2.6 inches of rain that fell on Fargo in 1 ½ hours Thursday afternoon.

Rolling Blackouts Hit California Cities

LOS ANGELES | High temperatures and the loss of a key transmission line Thursday forced power officials in Southern California to impose rolling blackouts, leaving as many as half a million people in the Los Angeles area without power for an hour at a time, power officials said.

The California Independent System Operator, which operates the electric grid in California, declared a Stage 3 transmission emergency at 3:57 p.m., said Gil Alexander, a spokesman for SoCal Edison. (AP)

Top General Upbeat Over Army Recruiting Rebound

Schoomaker contends troop levels are 'a long way from dire straits'

WASHINGTON | The Army's top general said Thursday he is encouraged by a recent rebound in recruiting, and he rejected suggestions that the stress of war in Iraq and Afghanistan is pushing the service to a breaking point.

"We're a long way from what anybody would call dire straits," Gen. Peter Schoomaker said in a breakfast interview with a group of reporters at a Washington hotel. He noted that more soldiers are signing up for additional tours that were expected, particularly among combat units that have served lengthy tours in Iraq.

Schoomaker also pointed out, for example, that the 3rd Infantry Division, the first Army division to return for a second tour in Iraq, has re-enlisted 117 percent of its goal this year, and 1st Cavalry Division retention is at 136 percent of its goal.

Schoomaker

Schoomaker said Army recruiting, which exceeded its monthly goals in June and July after falling short from February though May, is looking relatively strong this month. He added that the commander of the Army organization in charge of recruiting and initial military training told him recently that he thinks the Army will fall only "a couple of thousand" soldiers short of the 80,000 recruits it hoped to have by Sept. 30.

ROBERT BURNS (AP)

SHOCKING CRIME: In Dublin, Ga., police said a 15-year-old girl robbed and fatally shot two men who had given her and a 14-year-old friend a ride to a motel. Both girls were arrested Thursday. The killings were "very methodical," said John Bankhead, a spokesman for the Georgia Bureau of Investigation. The girls stole about $200 from the men, authorities said. (AP)

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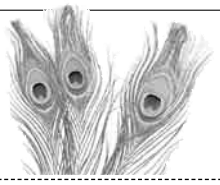

PESKY PEACOCK: Daryl, an escaped peacock, spent the summer scavenging for bugs and raiding gardens in Chichester, N.H., while his mate, Darla the peahen, nested at home. After four months at large, Daryl was finally caught 10 miles from home.

Pageant to Leave Longtime Home

Miss America officials have no location yet for future telecasts

ATLANTIC CITY, N.J. | In a surprise announcement, the organizers of the Miss America pageant said Thursday they want to move the 84-year-old contest from the only home it has ever known.

The Miss American Pageant is in a dire financial condition and last year lost its network television contract.

Officials with the pageant asked the Atlantic City Convention & Visitors Authority to release the Miss America Organization from its contract to hold the pageant in Boardwalk Hall, a Depression-era landmark that has hosted the event since 1940.

Miss America CEO Art McMaster told the authority's board members the pageant cannot survive if it continues from the hall and in Atlantic City.

McMaster said he had no destination in mind for the pageant, but said the high cost of operating in Atlantic City meant a drain on the organization that would put it out of operation.

The authority went behind closed doors to make a decision.

The convention authority already gives Miss America a $720,000 annual subsidy, but McMaster said the pageant still operates at a $500,000 loss each time it holds the event in the hall because of high production costs for the telecast itself. (AP)

A TURTLE'S PAIN: A desert tortoise named Cactus is moving more swiftly now after having four bladder stones — one as large as a baseball — removed. The tortoise at the San Francisco Zoo returned to display this week after undergoing surgery, in which veternarians cut into his shell, removed the bladdar stones and sealed the incision back up with fiberglass. (AP)

IN The Washington Post | LIVING LONGER

COURTESY ALINE MCKENZIE

HOLDING A BREAKTHROUGH: These mice may hold the keys to a big medical find. Scientists have identified a hormone in mice that significantly extends their life span, a discovery that could mark a crucial step toward developing drugs to boost longevity in people. | **Today, Page A1**

Judge Defends $250K Bail for Boy

BOSTON | A judge's decision to imprison a 12-year-old boy on $250,000 bail for gun possession charges sparked debate Thursday on whether the measure was too extreme.

Judge Paul D. Lewis on Wednesday set the boy's bail at 50 times higher than the $5,000 sought by prosecutors. His decision shocked prosecutors and defense attorneys alike. But Lewis said in an interview that he is simply trying to protect the public. DENISE LAVOIE (AP)

Task Force Says Military Academy Abuse Continues

WASHINGTON | Hostile attitudes and inappropriate treatment of women persist at the U.S. Military Academy at West Point and the Naval Academy, a Pentagon task force says in a new study.

The panel called for better training of future officers at the academies, saying the value of women in the military should be better emphasized.

It said present training regarding sexual harassment and assault issues is inadequate, resulting in misunderstandings by cadets and midshipmen about how to obtain medical care, counseling and legal assistance.

"The sexual harassment and assault training programs at both academies are not effective in conveying key concepts," the task force said in a report issued Thursday. JOHN J. LUMPKIN (AP)

In Brief

BOSTON

Tapes: JFK Aides Wary Over Attacking China With Nukes

Top advisers to President John F. Kennedy warned him in 1963 that if he pledged to defend India against any attack by communist China, the United States would likely have to use nuclear weapons to enforce the commitment, according to a newly declassified tape recording. But aides also warned that using a nuclear response could subject the country to charges of racism following the twin atomic bombings in Japan that ended World War II, since the U.S. used "a different kind of strategy in Europe" that could "create great problems with the Japanese." (AP)

Kennedy

GRANTS PASS, ORE.

17 Acres of Rare Trees Accidentally Harvested

The U.S. Forest Service admitted Wednesday to making a "serious" mistake that allowed the logging of 17 acres inside a rare tree reserve as part of the salvage harvest of timber burned by a fire in 2002. The logging inside the 350-acre Babyfoot Lake Botanical Area, created in 1966 to protect Brewer spruce and other rare plant species in the Rogue River-Siskiyou National Forest, was discovered last week by environmentalists after the timber was harvested and a forest closure intended to bar protesters was lifted. (AP)

TAMPA, FLA.

Gooden Turns Himself In After Fleeing Sobriety Test

Former baseball star Dwight Gooden, sought by police since he fled a DUI traffic stop three days ago, turned himself in at a county jail Thursday, police said. Gooden, 40, showed up at the jail warrants facility about 5 p.m. He had been missing since early Monday when an officer pulled over his 2004 BMW near downtown Tampa on suspicion of drunken driving. He twice refused to leave his car for a sobriety test and then drove away. (AP)

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World

GLOBAL GABFEST: Global sales of new mobile phones increased 22 percent to 190.5 million handsets during the second quarter, a research firm reports. Western European sales rose 9.9 percent, while North American sales rose 9.4 percent.

In Brief

GAZA CITY, GAZA STRIP

Abbas Denounces Israeli Raid, Repeats Calls for Calm

Palestinian leader Mahmoud Abbas on Thursday denounced a deadly Israeli arrest raid that killed five Palestinians as an intentional provocation aimed at undermining a cease-fire, but he urged militant groups to hold their fire. However, the militants vowed to renew attacks on Israel, a familiar sequence that threatened to shatter the lull that has accompanied the Israeli pull-out from Gaza and part of the West Bank. (AP)

PASCAL LAUENER/REUTERS

A car is submerged in mud Thursday after floods ravaged Kien, Switzerland.

BERN, SWITZERLAND

Rescuers Work to Evacuate Victims From Floodwaters

Rescue workers completed an air-lift evacuation of a half-submerged riverside district of the Swiss capital Thursday as large parts of central and southern Europe were hit by flooding that killed at least 42 people. Hardest hit was Romania with 31 victims. Austria, Bulgaria, Germany and Switzerland reported a total of 11 dead, but numbers were expected to climb as more bodies of the missing are recovered. (AP)

Iraqi Leaders Extend Charter Talks

Official says draft may have to be sent to polls without Sunni support

BAGHDAD, IRAQ | The speaker of Iraq's Parliament announced a one-day extension early Friday in talks on Iraq's new constitution — a fourth attempt to win Sunni Arab approval. But he said that if no agreement is reached, the document would bypass parliament completely and be decided in an Oct. 15 referendum.

Hajim al-Hassani, speaking minutes after the midnight deadline, said after meeting for three days, "we found that time was late and we saw that the matters will need another day in order to reach results that please everyone."

Earlier, however, a Sunni Arab negotiator said Shiites didn't even show up for a late-night meeting.

The United States hopes the constitution will invigorate a political process that will — in time — lure disaffected Sunni Arabs away from the Sunni-dominated insurgency.

However, the perception that the Shiites and Kurds rammed through a document unacceptable to the Sunnis could produce a backlash among Sunni Arabs and sharpen religious and ethnic tensions.

Although the constitution requires only a simple majority in the referendum, if two-thirds of the voters in any three of Iraq's 18 provinces vote against it, the charter will be defeated. Sunni Arabs are estimated to be about 20 percent of the national population but form the majority in at least four provinces. BASSEM MROUE (AP)

MORE VIOLENCE IN IRAQ

- **GUNMEN OPENED** fire Thursday on cars owned by Iraqi President Jalal Talabani, killing eight of his bodyguards and wounding 15, a security official said. Talabani was not in any of the cars when the attack occurred.
- **POLICE FOUND** the bodies of 36 men near the Iranian border, their hands bound and with bullet wounds in the head. The bodies contained no IDs and police said most were wearing baggy trousers favored by Kurds. (AP)

Day of unrest: Iraqi leaders haggle over a constitution amid worries about civil strife | **Today's Post, Page A1**

INDIA | YOUTHFUL HINDU SPIRITS

AMIT DAVE/REUTERS

FESTIVE MOOD: Indian children dressed as the Hindu Lord Krishna perform for festivities marking Krishna Janmashtami in Ahmedabad, India, Thursday. The holiday, which marks the birthday of Lord Krishna, will be celebrated on Saturday.

14 Killed in Colombian Drug Feud

BOGOTA, COLOMBIA | Rebels massacred 13 coca harvesters and their cook, making them the latest victims of a feud with paramilitary gangs to control Colombia's lucrative cocaine trade, authorities said Thursday.

Rebels of the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia, or FARC, gunned down Flor Maria Gutierrez and 13 men as she was serving them lunch Wednesday on a farm near Puerto Valdivia.

The killings in northwest Colombia starkly underscore a bloody truth generally overlooked in the ruthless drug trade: that drug-related killings sometimes occur even before the narcotics are made, and that the victims are often those on the lowest rung of the drug-trafficking business.

In this case, the victims worked on one of the many farms in the Antioquia state where coca flourishes. The men were harvesters who strip coca bushes of their leaves, and then add chemicals to make coca paste — a key step in producing cocaine. But they had earned the rebels' wrath by selling their product to a right-wing paramilitary faction, said Antioquia Deputy Gov. Jorge Mejia. ANDREW SELSKY (AP)

Thai PM Sounds Buzzer on Reporters

BANGKOK, THAILAND | Thai Prime Minister Thaksin Shinawatra has long complained of press criticism. But he sought to turn the tables Thursday with a new tactic — sounding a buzzer every time reporters ask questions he deems "not constructive."

To the surprise of journalists and colleagues alike, Thaksin raised a handheld buzzer — which displayed an "X" sign — from behind the podium to indicate his disapproval of some questions asked in a new series of weekly news conferences.

CHOR SOKUNTHEA/REUTERS

Thailand's Thaksin has found a new way to signal his feelings to reporters.

Thaksin sounded the alarm when a Thai newspaperman asked why the government had failed to seek parliamentary consent before introducing an emergency decree in the volatile southern provinces.

"Not constructive!" he exclaimed, referring to the reporter's question and a related one about whether foreign terrorists might be linked to the rebellion. (AP)

HEARSAY | FORECAST

"People wonder, hey, what's going on with our climate ... Is the world coming to an end? No — at least not today or tomorrow."

—DALE MOHLER, ACCUWEATHER.COM
A DIRECTOR OF INTERNATIONAL FORECASTING, ON THE WEATHER-LINKED FIRES AND FLOODS THAT HAVE ENGULFED EUROPE THIS SUMMER

JACQUES WHO? Only one American in three knows the name of France's president, according to a poll published in a French magazine this week. Some 34 percent of 1,000 Americans polled knew that the French leader's name is Jacques Chirac.

Joint War Game Wraps Up

First military exercise by Russia and China underscores new ties

BEIJING | Thousands of Chinese and Russian troops wrapped up their first joint military exercises Thursday with a mock invasion by paratroopers on China's east coast.

The eight-day maneuvers with 7,000 Chinese troops and 1,800 Russians underscored growing military ties between the former Cold War enemies, motivated by their common unease with U.S. dominance in world affairs.

On Thursday, Chinese and Russian paratroopers simulated the seizure of an airfield as planes dropped combat vehicles by parachute on the Shandong Peninsula in the Yellow Sea, China's official Xinhua News Agency reported.

CHINA NEWSPHOTO/REUTERS

Top Russian and Chinese defense officials watched the exercises Thursday.

Russia's Interfax news agency portrayed the operation as a success, saying Russian planes landed 10 combat vehicles and two armored personnel carriers by parachute in high winds.

Russian Defense Minister Sergei Ivanov and his Chinese counterpart, Cao Gangchuan, were on hand to watch the exercises. They were joined by defense officials from Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Kazakhstan and Uzbekistan — the other members of a six-nation group that is meant to combat Islamic extremism in Central Asia.

China's secretive military barred Western reporters from the war games. Russian media were also denied access to Chinese forces.

JOE MCDONALD (AP)

KENYA | ELEPHANT MOVE DELAYED

SAYYID AZIM/AP

HEAVY LOAD: Wildlife workers prep a 22-year-old elephant after it was tranquilized in Simba Hills, Kenya, as part of a relocation operation for 400 of the animals. The $3.2 million plan was suspended Thursday after a trailer intended to cart the pachyderms broke under the animal's weight.

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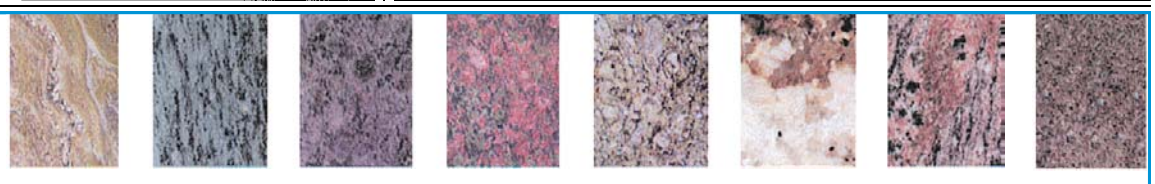

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FOLLOW THE MAYOR: If you happen to be in Queens, N.Y., this weekend, you can catch D.C. Mayor Anthony Williams at the U.S. Open for the Tennis Facility Youth Program of the Year award. He'll be at Arthur Ashe Stadium at 2 p.m. on Saturday.

Local

In Brief

WASHINGTON

Red, Blue, Yellow Lines To See Delays This Weekend

Metro is advising riders on the three Metrorail lines to expect minor delays over the weekend. Red Line trains will share the same track between the Takoma and Silver Spring station to perform routine track maintenance on Saturday and Sunday between 7 a.m. and 5 p.m. Blue and Yellow line trains will share the same track through the King Street station in Alexandria after 10 p.m. on Friday and Saturday and before 10 a.m. Saturday and Sunday. (AP)

ANNAPOLIS, MD.

GOP Loses Bid to Strip Panel of Subpoena Power

Democrats voted Thursday to give a special committee looking into the firing practices of the Ehrlich administration the power to subpoena witnesses and state personnel records, overriding strong objections from Republican committee members skeptical of promises of a fair, bipartisan inquiry. In a series of party-line votes, Democrats also refused to give Republicans authority to hire their own legal counsel if the committee decides it needs outside staff help. (AP)

WASHINGTON

D.C. Requests Reactivation Of Alexandria Power Plant

The District of Columbia on Thursday asked federal officials to reactivate an Alexandria, Va., power plant that was shuttered this week over pollution concerns. The District's Public Service Commission filed the petition because of fears about the reliability of the city's power supply following the closure of Mirant Corp.'s coal-fired plant, said Sabrina Greene, deputy counsel for the commission. (AP)

FREDERICK, MD.

Retrial of Mont. County Lawyer Set for Next Month

The retrial of Montgomery County lawyer Elsa D. Newman, who stands accused of plotting to kill her estranged husband, is slated to be heard by a Frederick County jury beginning Sept. 26. (AP)

Va. Defense Jobs to Be Relocated

Commission to shift 20,000 employees beyond the Beltway

MCLEAN, VA. | A federal commission voted Thursday to move more than 20,000 military and civilian defense jobs from the close-in suburbs of Northern Virginia to military bases outside the Capital Beltway despite concerns the massive job shift would create traffic nightmares.

In May, the Pentagon recommended to the Base Realignment and Closure Commission that 23,000 military and civilian defense employees working in leased office space in Alexandria and Arlington County be relocated to military bases beyond the Beltway, including Fort Belvoir, Va., Fort Meade, Md., and Quantico, Va.

LOIS RAIMONDO/TWP

Chairman Anthony J. Principi leads a discussion of the relocation committee's decision to move military personnel from inside the Beltway to areas like Ft. Belvoir, Va.

The commission voted to support the vast majority of those recommendations in a series of votes Thursday. But the committee rejected a proposal that would have moved the Office of Naval Research and the Defense Advanced Research Project Agency — an agency that conducts far-flung and often controversial research on a variety of topics — to Bethesda.

Karen Vasquez, a spokeswoman for Arlington County's economic development agency, said the decision to keep DARPA, ONR and an Air Force scientific research facility in Arlington spared about 2,000 of the 20,000 jobs the county was slated to lose. "We did suffer a major blow, but there was some clear success in our ability to retain those ... research agencies," Vasquez said.

MATTHEW BARAKAT (AP)

Feds Indict 19 MS-13 Gang Members

GREENBELT, MD. | Nineteen alleged members of the Hispanic gang MS-13 have been indicted on federal racketeering charges for crimes that include a string of homicides and attempted killings in Montgomery and Prince George's counties. The indictments released Thursday tie the men to murders and other crimes from April 2003 through this past June, including kidnappings, drive-by shootings and a killing in a Suitland cemetery. Six people were slain and five more were allegedly targeted.

The charges come after a series of MS-13 related stabbings in Montgomery County. Six teens were stabbed in two separate incidents earlier this month at a high school and shopping mall. Twelve people were arrested by county police for the attacks that Montgomery prosecutors believe were carried out by MS-13 members.

Police in Prince George's County are also investigating possible gang links to several recent stabbings in Langley Park. (AP)

What is MS-13? Learn more about the L.A.-based gang that entered the area in the late '80s | **Today's Post, A1**

BLOCKING THE CONFESSION: The man accused of robbing and beating an elderly street vendor in an attack captured on videotape denied Thursday that he willingly confessed to the crime. James Dorsey, 46, is asking a D.C. Superior Court judge to throw out his videotaped confession. He is charged with the May 3 robbery and beating in Foggy Bottom. (AP)

HEARSAY | FLAGS

"For the victims' families and the community as a whole, it's a small price to pay to put the issue to rest."

—JOHN A. ANDREWS
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The Lotteries

Thursday, Aug. 25

DISTRICT	
Mid-day Lucky Numbers	3-5-0
Evening Lucky Numbers	4-5-9
Mid-day DC 4	2-0-4-4
Evening DC 4	9-5-6-9
Quick Cash	12-33-16-34-19-20
Hot Five	21-33-24-13-14
Hot Lotto (Wed.)	01-04-06-11-14 (11)

MARYLAND	
Mid-day Pick 3	4-5-3
Evening Pick 3	8-1-0
Mid-day Pick 4	8-8-7-2
Evening Pick 4	8-3-7-1
Match 5	03-06-32-36-38 Bonus: 02
Lotto (Wed.)	02-05-35-45-47-49

VIRGINIA	
Mid-day Pick 3 (Thurs.)	2-0-2
Evening Pick 3 (Wed.)	8-5-8
Mid-day Pick 4 (Thurs.)	3-6-1-7
Evening Pick 4 (Wed.)	7-2-4-3
Mid-day Cash 5 (Thurs.)	14-17-24-27-31
Evening Cash 5 (Wed.)	04-07-29-33-34
Lotto South (Wed.)	07-13-14-19-26-38

MULTI-STATE GAMES	
Powerball (Wed.)	09-11-26-35-51 (32)
Power Play	05

All winning numbers are official only when validated at a lottery ticket location or a lottery claims office. Drawings that occur after Express's deadline will be published two days later.

Money

LITIGATION LANDSLIDE: The tally of lawsuits against Merck & Co. in state and federal court over its painkiller Vioxx is nearly 5,000 and growing, lawyers reported Thursday. In federal court alone, some 1,800 cases have already been filed.

Kodak to Close Plants, Cut Jobs

Film company decides to shutter facilities, eliminating 1,000 jobs

ROCHESTER, N.Y. | Eastman Kodak Co., battling a steep drop in demand for photographic film and paper, is scaling back film manufacturing in China and closing various businesses in Rochester and West Virginia, eliminating about 1,000 jobs.

Kodak, which is navigating a tough transition to digital photography, said Thursday it will consolidate North American color photographic paper manufacturing at factories in Windsor, Colo., and Harrow, England, by shutting down an operation in Rochester by the end of October.

It said manufacturing of consumer film products will be cut back in Xiamen, China.

By year-end, the company also will close another business in Rochester that recycles polyester waste and shrink an operation that processes polyester raw material.

In addition, Kodak will close a printing-plate factory in Middleway, W.Va., by next March, as it consolidates printing operations after its $980 million buyout of Canada's Creo Inc., the world's biggest maker of printer software.

The moves are part of an overhaul begun by the film manufacturer 20 months ago to eliminate up to 25,000 jobs by mid-2007. (AP)

Market Action

New York Stock Exchange

Gainers

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	DAILY PERCENT CHANGE
YorkIn	56.79	+15.04	+36.0
MStewrt	29.19	+3.12	+12.0
SixFlags	7.26	+.72	+11.0
Willbros If	17.10	+1.20	+7.5
ComstkRs	28.00	+1.67	+6.3

Losers

Dave&B	15.65	-3.01	-16.1
MineSaf	40.40	-3.35	-7.7
WestlkChm	26.85	-1.90	-6.6
ECC Cap n	4.58	-.27	-5.6
KMG Am n	8.38	-.47	-5.3

NASDAQ Stock Market

Gainers

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	DAILY PERCENT CHANGE
Amistar	4.57	+1.77	+63.2
Genaera	2.55	+.68	+36.4
StarScien	4.40	+.74	+20.2
CldwtrCr s	30.92	+4.77	+18.2
ICTS Intl	2.56	+.28	+12.3

Losers

TiVo Inc	5.18	-.94	-15.4
PetsMart	24.65	-3.86	-13.5
Candela	9.90	-1.33	-11.8
CNS	26.44	-2.75	-9.4
AmritrnsC	4.95	-.45	-8.3

Rates

	CURRENT	PREVIOUS WEEK
Prime Rate	6.50	6.50
Fed Funds close	3.50	3.50
3-month	3.44	3.41
2-year	4.01	4.00
10-year	4.16	4.21
30-year	4.37	4.42

Currency (Dollars in foreign currency)

	TODAY	PREVIOUS DAY	YEAR AGO
British Pound	.5545	.5556	.5562
Canadian Dollar	1.1895	1.1914	1.3051
European Euro	.8126	.8153	.8269
Japanese Yen	109.93	110.09	110.20
Mexican Peso	10.7860	10.8710	11.3570
Taiwanese Dollar	32.25	32.24	34.07

DOW	NASDAQ	S&P 500
+15.76	+5.46	+2.78
+0.15	+0.26	+0.23
10450.63	2134.37	1212.37

Pharmacy Stocks

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	YEAR TO DATE PERCENT CHANGE
Allergan	93.47	+.22	+15.3
AstraZen	45.50	+.09	+25.0
BarrPhm	46.31	+.43	+1.7
BrMySq	24.12	-.14	-5.9
ForestLab	44.44	+2.01	-.9
Hospira	37.60	-.25	+12.2
IvaxCp s	25.85	+.14	+63.4
JohnJn	62.53	+.28	-1.4
LillyEli	53.50	+.11	-5.7
Merck	27.77	-.06	-13.6
MylanLab	18.12	+.13	+2.5
Pfize	24.87	-.19	-7.5
SchergPl	20.75	+.03	-.6
Sepracor	50.38	-1.90	-15.1
Wyeth	45.50	+.26	+6.8

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REDSKINS
Get Shorty: The undersized David Patten and Santana Moss use their speed to help generate big plays for the Redskins' offense | **12**

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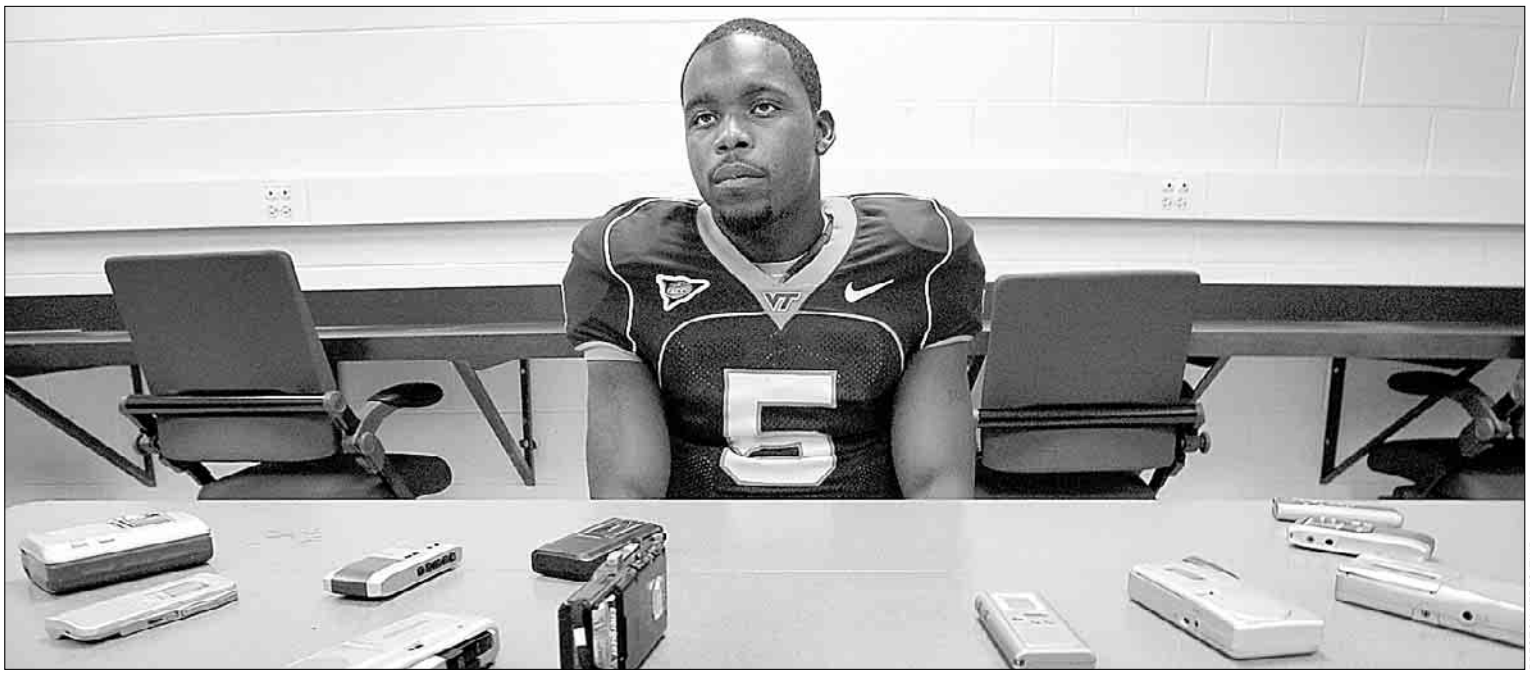


PRESTON KERES/TWP

UNDER CENTER: Think Marcus Vick has any pressure this year? Just check out all the microphones of reporters eager to see what the Hokies quarterback has to say.

Starting Over

Marcus Vick takes the reins at Va. Tech after last year's suspension

COLLEGE FOOTBALL | There were times during his one-season suspension from Virginia Tech when Marcus Vick wondered if he'd already blown his chance.

Vick's misguided behavior off the field, including an arrest for reckless driving and marijuana possession, had put his future in doubt.

Shuttling back and forth between his mother's home in Virginia and brother Michael's digs in Atlanta, Vick stayed in touch with the Hokies' coaching staff, stayed out of trouble and returned to school — and to the team — last spring.

But he still has to prove to his teammates that his transgressions are in the past.

RICH SCHULTZ/AP

As a freshman two years ago, Vick flashes his running ability vs. Rutgers

"I think I'm halfway there," the junior quarterback said. "Go through a couple of games and maybe I can win it over with all of them."

It surprised no one when Hokies coach Frank Beamer named Vick the starter after spring practice. His last name, after all, is the most storied in school football history because of his brother, and Marcus has similar skills.

Beamer isn't big on comparing the left-handed Michael and the right-handed Marcus, but he's hoping one critical skill, in particular, runs in the family.

"I always said this about Michael and I believe it to be true about Marcus: As talented as Michael was, I think the best thing was that he was so competitive," Beamer said. "The tighter it got, the rougher it got, he was at his best. I think Marcus will do the same thing."

The Hokies, surprise champions of the Atlantic Coast Conference in their debut season a year ago, open this year at North Carolina State on Sept. 4. The Wolfpack last season beat the Hokies 17-16 in Blacksburg.

Vick will have another challenge to contend with at Raleigh, N.C., and at the Hokies' other four road games. Fans figure to be creative and relentless in their efforts to use his past problems as fodder to rattle him.

"He's got to understand what he's in for, and I think he does," quarterbacks coach Kevin Rogers said. "They're going to be brutal to him at that place." HANK KURZ JR. (AP)

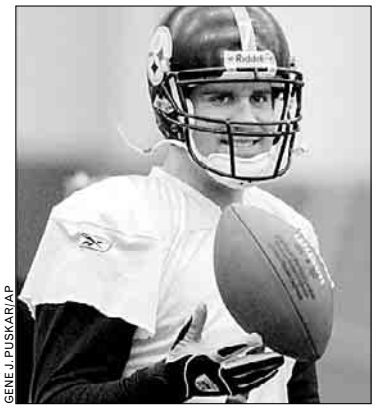
LIVING UP TO A LEGACY
Michael Vick's accomplishments starting for Virginia Tech :

- ➜ **Led Hokies** to national title game in 1999 as a freshman
- ➜ **Finished 20-1** as a starter
- ➜ **Won first-ever** Archie Griffin award as college football player of the year in 1999

BASEBALL | **It Does a Body Good** A bet seems to have really cost the Florida Marlins' batboy. On a dare, the unidentified batboy last Sunday unsuccessfully tried to drink a gallon of milk in under an hour after a $500 dare by former Marlins and current L.A. Dodgers pitcher Brad Penny.

Not only did he throw up, but the batboy was suspended by Florida for the team's upcoming six-game home stand, the Miami Herald reports. "It's kind of ridiculous that you get a 10-game suspension for steroids and a six-game suspension for milk," Penny told the Herald. (EXPRESS)

TV Lineup



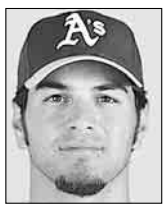
GENE J. PUSKAR/AP

Roethlisberger was 15-1 as a rookie.

➜ **MEN OF STEEL:** The Washington Redskins' next test in the preseason comes Friday (8 p.m. on Fox5) at FedEx Field against second-year quarterback Ben Roethlisberger and the Pittsburgh Steelers.

➜ **IN THE CARDS:** Every game is just about a must-win for the Nationals now. Too bad they play the MLB-best St. Louis Cardinals on Friday (7 p.m. on UPN20), Saturday (1:20 p.m. on Fox5) and Sunday (1 p.m. on Fox5).

➜ **A-MINUS:** This weekend's series in Baltimore is much more important for Eric Chavez and the Oakland A's — who are in the hunt for the wild card — than the Orioles, who aren't going anywhere. Games are Friday (7:30 p.m.), Saturday (4:30 p.m.), Sunday (1:30 p.m.) and all are on PAX66.



Chavez

➜ **FOR BOSTON:** D.C. United tries to shake off two straight losses when visiting the New England Revolution on Saturday night (7:30 p.m. on Comcast).

➜ **U.S. VS THE WORLD:** The Little League World Series concludes Sunday (3:30 p.m. on ABC) with the American champion taking on the International winner.

➜ **OFF TO THE RACES:** NASCAR's best are in the Sharpie 500 Saturday (7:30 p.m. on TNT) in Bristol, Tenn.

A Need for Speed

Moss, Patten may not be tall, but they can fly down the sidelines

REDSKINS | They're short men who go long.

No, it's not the next episode of The Jerry Springer Show. It's the Redskins' receiving corps — now in smaller, faster packaging.

Washington added Santana Moss (trade) and David Patten (free agency) in the offseason — two burners expected to stretch defenses and help the Redskins improve the second-to-worst scoring offense in the league last season.

While most teams lust after tall receivers who can outleap smaller cornerbacks in the red zone, Moss and Patten are each listed at just 5 foot 10. Still, both averaged over 18 yards per catch last season for the Jets and Patriots, respectively.

"Every receiver is going to have something different that he brings to the game," Moss said. "When it comes to us, we have speed and route running and other little things we can do in and out of traffic ... I would never want to be six feet if I can't do what I can now."

Patten wasted no time introducing himself to Redskins fans, catching three balls for 109 yards in Washington's preseason home opener against the Bengals Aug. 19.

Moss hasn't posted as gaudy a preseason (three catches for 29 yards) heading into Friday's exhibition against the Pittsburgh Steelers at FedEx Field. Still, the University of Miami product amassed 1,943 yards and 14 touchdowns over his last two campaigns.

Seventy-two of Moss and Patten's 89 combined receptions in 2004 went for first downs. Together, they posted 10 receptions of 40 yards or more last season. Redskins quarterback Patrick Ramsey has just five completions of 40 yards or more in his last 20 games.

"Once [big plays happen], it's going to get contagious," Moss said. "Once we saw Patten go deep [against Cincinnati], I was just licking my fingers, like 'I'm next.'"

ERIC BRANDNER

JOHN MCDONNELL/TWP

EVAN VUCCI/AP

Who needs size when you have the speed of David Patten, right, and Santana Moss, top?

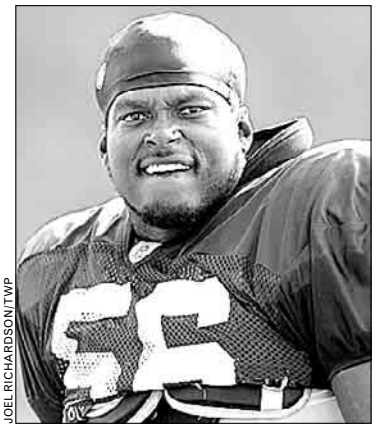
3 BURNING QUESTIONS

➜ **Can the D-line hold its ground?** Pittsburgh finished in the top 10 in the NFL in rushing eight of the last 9 years.

➜ **Will LaVar lay someone out?** Coaches will watch the linebacker's mobility carefully.

➜ **Will we see a big play repeat?** Patten's 46-yard catch got fans excited. They'd like to see more.

Redskins chat: Jason La Canfora previews Friday's preseason game at noon | **washingtonpost.com/liveonline**



JOEL RICHARDSON/TWP

Arrington had accused the Redskins of cheating him out of $6.5 million.

LaVar Dispute Is Over

Redskins settle with linebacker with deal that can void contract

REDSKINS | Linebacker LaVar Arrington and the Washington Redskins have finalized a settlement that ends a contract dispute that lasted 17 months, according to several sources involved in the negotiations.

Under the deal, an amendment has been added to Arrington's contract stating that if he makes the Pro Bowl two of the next four seasons he would be allowed to void his contract and become a free agent.

The Redskins would then have the option of paying him $3.25 million to keep him. In addition, he could earn $1.6 million more if he participates in 98 percent of special-teams plays, which is unlikely.

Arrington had accused the Redskins of cheating him out of $6.5 million and was going to take his case to arbitration. The Redskins vehemently maintained that they did nothing wrong, and spokesman Karl Swanson said often that the team would not settle the case.

Arrington eventually dropped his arbitration case and the Redskins will not have to pay the linebacker any of the disputed bonus unless he reaches the Pro Bowl incentives.

NUNYO DEMASIO (THE WASHINGTON POST)

Test of Allegiance

With Nats, Redskins sharing stage, where will fans' loyalty lie?

CHOICES | After playing just two preseason games, the Washington Redskins are already in some stiff competition. But it has nothing to do with the Philadelphia Eagles, the Dallas Cowboys or the New York Giants.

For the first time in nearly 35 years, the Redskins aren't the only game in town and they find themselves in somewhat unfamiliar territory — sharing the stage with a baseball team.

With the Nationals still in the playoff race, the Redskins may have some of their loyal fan base tested.

JONATHAN NEWTON/TWP

There's no doubting where these fans will be Sept. 11 — watching the Redskins opener vs. the Bears. But how many fans will choose the Nats' game that day?

Couple that with the fact that the NHL recently announced that hockey is back, Washingtonians can finally brag about being a "four major-sport city."

But John Charles, 51, of Gaithersburg and a longtime Redskins season ticket holder, says it doesn't matter how bad the Redskins are or how well the Nationals do. He's sticking with the football team: "I am still and always will be a 'Skins fan first."

A good barometer for fan loyalty is coming soon. The Redskins host the Chicago Bears at FedEx Field in the season opener on Sept. 11. At the same time, the Nationals host the NL-East leading Braves at RFK Stadium in what could be a crucial game.

"I really am torn," said Matt Pappano, 26, of Potomac. "If there was anyway the NFL or MLB could move either game to make it possible to go see both, I would do it in a heartbeat." MATT PAPUCHIS

MLB

Through Aug. 24 games

AMERICAN LEAGUE

EAST	W	L	PCT.	GB	HOME	ROAD
Boston	72	52	.581	—	38-18	34-34
N.Y. Yankees	69	56	.552	3.5	40-24	29-32
Toronto	64	62	.508	9	34-25	30-27
Baltimore	60	65	.480	12.5	32-32	28-34
Tampa Bay	52	75	.409	21.5	34-31	18-44

CENTRAL	W	L	PCT.	GB	HOME	ROAD
Chicago	76	47	.618	—	37-27	39-20
Cleveland	70	57	.551	8	32-31	38-26
Minnesota	67	59	.532	10.5	36-28	31-31
Detroit	61	63	.492	15.5	32-32	29-31
Kansas City	41	83	.331	35.5	24-38	17-45

WEST	W	L	PCT.	GB	HOME	ROAD
L.A. Angels	73	53	.579	—	37-28	36-25
Oakland	69	56	.552	3.5	39-26	30-30
Texas	59	66	.472	13.5	33-27	26-39
Seattle	53	72	.424	19.5	30-32	23-40

NATIONAL LEAGUE

EAST	W	L	PCT.	GB	HOME	ROAD
Atlanta	72	55	.567	—	41-21	31-34
Philadelphia	69	59	.539	3.5	40-28	29-31
Florida	66	60	.524	5.5	38-28	28-32
N.Y. Mets	66	60	.524	5.5	40-25	26-35
Washington	66	60	.524	5.5	35-23	31-37

CENTRAL	W	L	PCT.	GB	HOME	ROAD
St. Louis	80	47	.630	—	41-25	39-22
Houston	67	60	.528	13	42-22	25-38
Milwaukee	63	64	.496	17	33-25	30-39
Chicago	61	66	.480	19	31-32	30-34
Cincinnati	58	68	.460	21.5	36-33	22-35
Pittsburgh	54	73	.425	26	27-33	27-40

WEST	W	L	PCT.	GB	HOME	ROAD
San Diego	63	63	.500	—	34-28	29-35
Arizona	58	70	.453	6	27-35	31-35
L.A. Dodgers	57	69	.454	6	30-31	27-38
San Fran.	55	71	.437	8	26-35	29-36
Colorado	48	78	.381	15	33-35	15-43

Nats Drop Series

Hernandez struggles, as does offense in 6-3 defeat to Cincinnati

NATIONALS | Early this season, the Washington Nationals were terrific at home, and the Cincinnati Reds were terrible on the road. Neither is the case now.

Ken Griffey Jr. hit his 30th homer, Brandon Claussen won his fifth straight decision, and the Reds beat the Nationals 5-3 Thursday.

Cincinnati won seven of its first 35 on the road, but it's 16-7 since, including taking two of three in Washington. On June 30, the Nationals were a majors-best 30-13 at RFK Stadium, but since have gone 6-14 and lost five of six home series.

Claussen (9-8) gave up one unearned run, six hits and two walks over 5 2/3 innings.

With one out in the ninth and the Reds ahead 5-1, Cincinnati's Kent Mercker hit pinch-hitter Brian Schneider and then allowed Brad Wilkerson's two-run homer. David Weathers, Cincinnati's sixth pitcher, gave up a single to Jose Vidro to bring the tying run to the plate before getting the last two outs.

PABLO MARTINEZ MONSIVAIS/AP

Preston Wilson fails to lay down a bunt in the Nationals' 6-3 loss to the Reds.

Washington starter Livan Hernandez (14-6), meanwhile, has won two of his past 10 outings. He was charged with four runs and 10 hits — nine singles and Griffey's line shot to right leading off the seventh.

The Nationals left 10 runners on base Thursday, and twice failed to score after getting someone to third base with only one out, including when Hernandez grounded into a double play in the fourth inning.

Why does Washington seem to have so much trouble getting runners home from third with less than two outs? "That's a great question," catcher Gary Bennett said. "I wish I had the answer to that. Or I wish somebody in here had the answer."

HOWARD FENDRICH (AP)

NatsNotes

Church Lands on DL, Byrd To Take Spot on the Roster

Outfielder Ryan Church was put on the 15-day disabled list with a broken toe Thursday by the Washington Nationals, who plan to bring back Marlon Byrd from Triple-A New Orleans to take his place. The small toe on Church's right foot was hit by a pitch from Cincinnati's Ramon Ortiz in the second inning of Washington's 5-3 victory Wednesday night. Church finished the game. Byrd is expected to join the Nationals on Friday, when the club opens a three-game home series against St. Louis. (AP)

Church

Nats Draw 2 Million Fans

An announced crowd of 40,762 pushed home attendance for the Nationals above 2 million for the season. It's the first time the franchise has topped that milestone since 1983 when the Montreal Expos drew 2,320,651. The Nationals are at 2,007,656 through 59 games, an average of 34,028. Last season, the Expos finished with 748,587. (AP)

Much-Troubled Ponson Busted On DUI Charge

ORIOLES | Baltimore Orioles pitcher Sidney Ponson was arrested early Thursday on a charge of drunken driving, the latest mishap for the pitcher considered the ace of the staff a year ago.

Ponson

Maryland Transportation Authority Police arrested Ponson at 1:31 a.m. on southbound Interstate 95, just south of Baltimore, said Cpl. Pamela Thorne.

Last January, Ponson was charged with driving under the influence in Florida. That arrest came just weeks after he spent 11 days in an Aruban jail for a Christmas Day fight at a beach. (AP)

Mystics Control Their Fate

Playoffs are on the line in team's final 2 games

MYSTICS | The Mystics still find themselves in the playoff hunt after Tuesday's dramatic 82-69 overtime victory against the New York Liberty.

Before the game, the Mystics were uncertain if they would even have a shot at the postseason. But Charlotte's victory over Detroit kept the team's playoff hopes alive.

"We've got our own destiny in our hands," said Mystics coach Richie Adubato, whose team snapped a five-game losing streak against New York. "We've got a chance."

With just two games remaining on the regular season schedule, the Mystics are now in a tie with Detroit for the Eastern Conference's fourth and final playoff spot. The Mystics can ill-afford another loss.

After a road game versus Connecticut tonight, the Mystics will host Detroit at MCI Saturday in the regular season finale.

The victory over the Liberty has the Mystics in good spirits as they hope to finish the season strong. Washington will need solid performances from all their starters.

"Everybody's goal is to make the playoffs," said Mystics forward Murriel Page. "You work so hard during the offseason and then during training camp and during the season."

If the Mystics happen to reach the playoffs, it will mark the fourth time in franchise history that Washington has made it into the postseason.

KEVIN WOLF/AP

Chasity Melvin scores in the Mystics' key victory over the Liberty on Tuesday.

"We can do it. I know we can. If we come up short, we'll start putting everything together for next season."

Sheila Johnson, who's exuded a can-do optimism since she bought part of the Mystics | **Today in Sports**

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The Mystics have made the playoffs two years in a row.

"To not make the playoffs you're not satisfied," said Page, in her eighth season with the Mystics, "and we're not out here playing for fun. We're out here playing to win it all and if we don't make it to the playoffs, it's a disappointment."

BRANDY SIMMS

The Wrath Of Nowak

Furious United coach blames referee for defeat against Dallas

UNITED | In his first public comments since D.C. United's U.S. Open Cup quarterfinal loss to Dallas on Wednesday night, coach Peter Nowak lashed out at referee Abiodun Okulaja and any insinuation that his own players shared some of the responsibility for the late-game meltdown and penalty-kick shootout defeat.

United (11-7-5) faces Eastern Conference leader New England (12-5-6) Saturday, but Nowak's mind still was on the Dallas game following Thursday's practice.

United was leading Dallas, 1-0, when midfielder Dema Kovalenko received his second yellow card and his marching orders following a 72nd minute scuffle with Dallas' Carey Talley. D.C. bunkered in but was unable to kill the clock or hold the lead playing a man down.

"It was [the referee's fault]," Nowak said. "There was the game-changing situation where [Okulaja] started pushing Dema to the stage where he threw him out. He provoked all this stuff."

Okulaja appeared to miss calls affecting each team during the game, and following the match Dallas' coach voiced his own disappointment in the officiating.

But Nowak was adamant that his side suffered more.

"I wish we were going to finish the games 11 versus 11 because if we're going to finish the teams cannot beat us," Nowak said. "This is my message to all of you guys saying 'Oh, we should score. We should keep the ball'. No. The game-changing situation, the moment where Dema was thrown out, was unjust."

Kovalenko has developed an unflattering reputation around MLS thanks to some rough play through the years, but his disciplinary record this season has been outstanding. Whether or not Kovalenko should have been more careful Wednesday following the referee's warning remains a matter of perception.

"The people are looking right now for something that is not correct," Nowak said. BRIAN STRAUS

JOEL RICHARDSON/TWP

Peter Nowak still had not gotten over Wednesday's loss after Thursday's practice.

Federer and Everybody Else

World's No. 1 player is the heavy favorite to capture the U.S. Open

TENNIS | Roger Federer reckons that it wouldn't take much to prevent him from winning his second straight U.S. Open title.

A virus. An injury. A windy day that makes everything go awry.

"A little thing needs to go wrong and you lose," he said.

For everyone else, maybe. It's going to take a whole lot more to keep the Swiss star from extending one of the most dominant runs in ATP history.

Federer won his 22nd consecutive tournament final last Sunday, dispatching Andy Roddick and any thought that he was vulnerable after a long summer layoff. His two-set victory for the Cincinnati Masters title made him the prohibitive favorite for the U.S. Open, which begins next Monday.

"Federer is in a class of his own," said Australia's Lleyton Hewitt, who lost the Open final to Federer last year.

And few players have marks like Federer, who turned 24 this month and has only recently come into his prime. He's been No. 1 for 82 consecutive weeks, one of the longest stays in ATP rankings history.

That's only the beginning.

Federer is 138-9 over the last two years, including 54-3 this season. He has won his last 28 matches on hard courts. He and Rafael Nadal are tied with nine ATP titles this year. The last three Wimbledon titles belong to Federer.

He's playing so well that opponents have no margin for error — a factor that weighs on their nerves and their shots.

"You have to play pretty close to perfect," said James Blake, who lost a first-round match to Federer in Cincinnati.

The rest of the field had a little hope when Federer decided to take off after beating Roddick in July for his latest Wimbledon title. Federer knows he's on the cusp of history.

"Everything comes very automatic now," he said. "I don't need to think anymore where I'm going to hit the balls. They just go automatically. That's very important in my game, because I need to play with the flow." JOE KAY (AP)

WHY ROGER IS NO. 1

- ➜ 138-9 record the last two seasons
- ➜ 3 straight titles at Wimbledon
- ➜ 9 tournament victories this year
- ➜ 28 straight wins on hard court

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DOPING | BY MATT SWENSON

The Need to Believe Lance

PLEASE LET these Lance Armstrong doping charges be false.

Please let Armstrong be the one athlete everyday fans can believe in.

If not, who's left?

Since President Bush made performance enhancing drugs a national issue with his 2004 State of the Union address, it's been a constant sea of disappointment.

Before, sports fans were joyfully naïve, marveling at Mark McGwire and Sammy Sosa's conquering of Roger Maris' home-run record.

That's when baseball became fun to watch again — and it was only four years after greedy owners and players couldn't put aside their differences in time to play the 1994 World Series.

It's hard not to suspect athletes of cheating at this point, which, in turn, makes it hard to enjoy sports.

The greed hasn't gone away in major sports. It's just a sidebar to the drug problem that appears to have gone unchecked until Bush made public a very dirty secret.

We're in an era of doubt, and not unreasonable doubt either.

Denials have been made, under oath in Congress no less, by Rafael Palmeiro, who then was caught cheating. In a confidential grand jury investigation of the Calif.-based sports nutrition center BALCO, Jason Giambi and Barry Bonds admitted to doping.

It's hard not to suspect athletes of cheating at this point, which, in turn, makes it hard to enjoy sports.

Armstrong's seven straight Tour de France titles is something to be marveled at. Just winning the race is amazing, and to do so after overcoming near-fatal cancer makes the story more unbelievable.

It almost seemed too good to be true. Let's hope it wasn't.

Matt Swenson, a lifelong Washingtonian, is the sports editor of Express.

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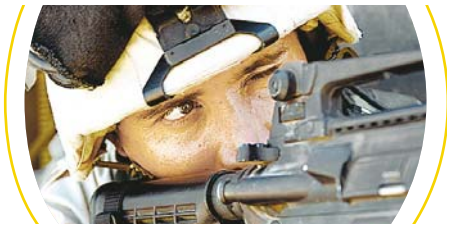


Harum-Scarum

There is no happy ending for muddled 'Brothers Grimm'

FILM | The one consistent thing in Terry Gilliam's latest film, "The Brothers Grimm," is that it's plagued by inconsistency.

You expect some weirdness walking into one of Gilliam's movies. After all, this is the man who has brought fantastical figures to the screen as the director of films including "The Adventures of Baron Munchausen" and "Fear and Loathing in Las Vegas."

But those films had the benefit of a singular vision. Gilliam is all over the place here. Does he want his film to be a loopy farce? A lavish costume piece? A high-energy action film? At times it even feels like an anti-war film framed as a comedic fairy tale.

In an enchanted forest outside a German village in 1798, trees crawl and branches snarl, and a wolf turns into a man before turning back into a wolf again, but you can find your way out of the darkness by licking the head of Grandmother Toad.

Classic characters like Rapunzel, Little Red Riding Hood and Hansel and Gretel come and go, but they aren't used to their full potential. The Gingerbread Man is awfully cute. Until he eats a small child.

In the midst of all this madness are Matt Damon and Heath Ledger as brothers Will and Jacob Grimm, fictionalized incarnations of the real-life brothers behind all those famous fairy tales. Con men who make their money pretending to drive demons and monsters out of small towns, Will and Jake are found out and forced to investigate a truly cursed forest where little girls are disappearing.

CIMENSION FILMS

FOOLS RUSH IN: Heath Ledger and Matt Damon play impossibly cute con men.

The actors seem to be having a good time bouncing off each other, with Damon reveling in the flashier role as the more gregarious Grimm. But neither brother is terribly well fleshed-out, though a subplot harkening to an unfortunate childhood acquisition of magic beans is meant to convey longtime resentments.

Fairy tales are supposed to be a little scary; "Grimm" too often feels like an interminable nightmare. CHRISTY LEMIRE (AP)

Believe the Hype Machine

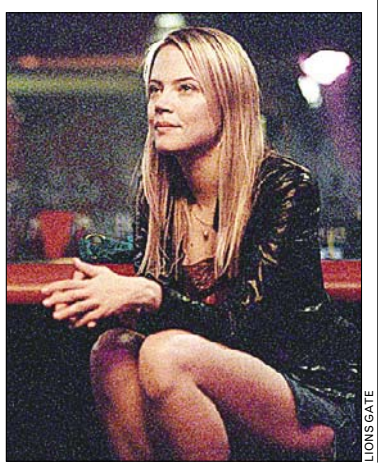
In 'Undiscovered,' pretty plastic people get a warm welcome

FILM | Meiert Avis' "Undiscovered" feels like a pilot for a glossy Fox soap; it doesn't have a modicum of originality or depth.

A gaggle of hip, pretty people — aspiring actors or singers or musicians — prowl around Los Angeles, where they're photographed with edgy hand-held camerawork and swathed in neon light.

They go on auditions, they hang out at the Viper Room. Magically, they can afford apartments at the beach. Some of them are attracted to each other. They all get their back stories out of the way with dialogue like, "His work defies classification ... he wants to make it, but on his own terms."

The script could have been onto something with Luke (Steven Strait), the bad-boy singer-songwriter with a heart of gold who experiences a brief flash of fame and struggles to stay grounded.



LIONS GATE

TRYOUT: Brier will do anything to make it, even going without a skirt.

Little does Luke know that the buzz was fabricated through blogs, photographs and well-placed phone calls by friends Brier (Pell James) and Clea (Ashlee Simpson, whose father, Joe, is one of the movie's executive producers, hence we are forced to watch her sing a lot).

"Undiscovered" toys with probing the idea of how easy it is to manufacture hype, but then it falls back on romance-flick conventions, complete with a climactic mad dash to the airport. CHRISTY LEMIRE (AP)

TWO THUMBS UP? Or 10 toes? Get the verdict on the latest film releases in today's Washington Post.

Unpersuasive: A teen amorality play driven by Evan Rachel Wood's effortless magnetism, "Pretty Persuasion" ends up being wearyingly smug. Curt Fields reviews. | *Weekend*

Just Like Real People: Ann Hornaday finds the indie movie "Junebug" to be a closely observed little gem of a drama that's interesting in all the right ways. | *Style*

Say Everything: Michael O'Sullivan listens in on the conversation that is "Lila Says," and finds the moving and erotic film worth talking about. | *Weekend*

Got Plans?

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I recently visited Philly where I was floored by the number of BYOB restaurants. What a brilliant way to enjoy great urban restaurants while also keeping the price down. Do you know of any BYOB restaurants here in Washington?

That trend will never catch on here — there's some legal snag about corkage in Virginia — but the Web site has a list of restaurants with a corkage policy in the area. The Oval Room's new policy is that Saturday nights are BYO with no fee. If you choose, the chef can cook up a whole meal to suit your bottle of wine.

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The Oval Room at Lafayette Square, 800 Connecticut Ave. NW; 202-463-8700. (Farragut West)

DAYNA SMITH/TWP

Unlike many local spots, The Oval Room is happy to pour your own wine.

I have been getting into Arabic music and would like to know if there are groups that perform in the area or clubs that play it.

The Chicago Classical Oriental Ensemble specializes in Arabic music and is playing a free show at the Millennium Stage next Wednesday.

Kennedy Center, 2700 F St. NW; 6 p.m., free; 202-467-6700. (Foggy Bottom-GWU)

The Going Out Gurus think you should get out more. Join the discussion Thursdays at 1 p.m. | **washingtonpost.com/liveonline**

Entertainment | Weekend

Movies Now Playing

THE ARISTOCRATS (Unrated, 87 minutes) The joke whose punch line lends this documentary its title isn't especially funny. Filthy, yes, but not a laugh riot, except in the way its structure lends itself to extended riffs of jazz-like improvisation on the part of the 100 or so comedians who line up to tell it. What makes us laugh is the joke's sheer excess. Far more fascinating, however, than its many tellings and retellings, is the footage of comics like Bob Saget and Sarah Silverman talking about the joke, which has been a staple of backstage banter between comedians since vaudeville. (MO)

ASYLUM (R, 90 minutes) Desperate British housewife Stella (Natasha Richardson) leaves her cold-fish husband (Hugh Bonneville) to begin a torrid affair with Edgar (Marton Csokas), an escaped mental patient who had been incarcerated in an asylum since brutally butchering his wife in a fit of jealous rage. Talk about smart women and foolish choices. This highbrow-looking drama is actually rather silly, save for a mildly interesting twist at the very end. (MO)

BALZAC AND THE LITTLE CHINESE SEAMSTRESS (Unrated, 111 minutes) Sent to a rural re-education camp during Mao Zedong's Cultural Revolution, two city-bred teenagers (Kun Chen and Ye Liu) cope with the rigors of manual labor and the anti-literature attitudes of the village elder (Shuangbao Wang) in a drama based on director Dai Sijie's own experiences in the 1970s. When one of the teens befriends a pretty, illiterate seamstress (Xun Zhou), he resolves to "cure her of her ignorance," reading banned books to her that he smuggles in. In the way Dai's film reinforces the notion that stories are about remembering, not forgetting, the past, the film possesses a documentary lyricism. (DT)

BATMAN BEGINS (PG-13, 140 minutes) Director Christopher Nolan and his co-writer David S. Goyer have taken the bubble gum out of those previous Batman movies and returned to the dark spirit of comic book creator Bob Kane's work. This prequel about the early days is slow moving in many respects, but it's narratively entrancing. And Christian Bale makes a credible Bruce Wayne, who undergoes rigorous training under the tutelage of mystical warrior Henri Ducard (Liam Neeson). (DT)

BEWITCHED (PG-13, 105 minutes) Nicole Kidman is engaging as a sweet-natured but very real witch who finds herself playing a fake one in a TV re-do of the classic TV series "Bewitched." But Kidman's power smile is just one of very few flickers in a dismal movie. The other flickers come from Kidman's co-star, Will Ferrell, who turns on the physical comedy as much as he can. But he's working it too hard. (DT)

BROKEN FLOWERS (R, 106 minutes) Bill Murray is a charm as Don Johnston, who learns from a mysterious letter that one of his liaisons, 20 years earlier, produced a son. So he takes a road trip to look up some old flames, including Sharon Stone, Frances Conroy and Jessica Lange. Murray's enigmatic expressions suggest a hangdog Mona Lisa, who's as much a mystery as his quest. What's going on in there? His deadpan is the lure. Take this trip with him and chances are, you'll find the journey increasingly funny and touching. (DT)

CHARLIE AND THE CHOCOLATE FACTORY (PG, 115 minutes) Johnny Depp's oddball eccentricity as Willy Wonka is an unsettling amalgam of Michael Jackson, Edward Scissorhands and Lisa Kudrow's Phoebe from "Friends." But there are other watchable delights: Wonka's factory is a wonderland of choc-

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DREAMWORKS

IN THE EVENT OF A HORROR MOVIE ...: With all the cutbacks, the airline in "Red Eye" decided to try a penny-pinching innovation: washable safety instructions.

Sunday in The Washington Post

'Friends' — What's That About? A look at some of TV's most memorable titles, and why some work better than others. | *TV Week*

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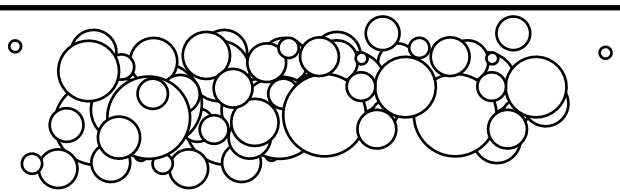

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EMPIRE PICTURES

LITERACY COUNSEL: In "Balzac and the Little Chinese Seamstress," set during China's Cultural Revolution, a teen from the big city tries to teach an illiterate girl.

Now Playing

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olate lakes and candy-grass banks. There are some hilarious routines performed by the diminutive Oompa Loompas. And Freddie Highmore is a charmer as Charlie, the poor kid who wins a ticket to tour Wonka's factory. (DT)

CRASH (R, 100 minutes) The aftermath of Rodney King and 9/11 seems to sear the nostrils of every Los Angeleno in Paul Haggis' white-knuckle hatefest among characters of almost every ideological, cultural or religious stripe. If "Crash" only showed the dark side of humanity, it would barely be worth bothering. But the movie is also about the best in people. As soon as we think we have some character's number he or she turns around and does something quite astonishing. (DT)

DEUCE BIGALOW: EUROPEAN GIGOLO (R, 77 minutes) Was there really that much demand for a sequel to "Deuce Bigalow: Male Gigolo," a crude comedy about a male prostitute with a heart of gold? If there's any justice in the world, this entry in the franchise, which stoops even lower than the first film without bringing anything new to the table, ought to put an end to thoughts of a third "Gigolo" vehicle for star Rob Schneider. It's not that I don't want to see the guy get work. I actually think Schneider's kind of funny, in a stupid way. Just not when his material, like some paid sex, is this tired, joyless and perfunctory. (DT)

THE DUKES OF HAZZARD (PG-13, 106 minutes) There's a lot of armchair outlaws out there who fondly remember that long-running Friday-night TV show with Bo, Duke and Daisy and that '69 orange Dodge Charger, the General Lee. This movie, starring Seann William Scott as Bo and Johnny Knoxville as Luke, is smart enough not to mess with a good thing. "Dukes" is more charmingly low-brow than screamingly funny, and it doesn't seem the slightest bit interested in straying from the formula of screeching cars, barroom brawls and other southern clichés. Anyone going to this movie would want no less and, it seems, no more. (DT)

THE EDUKATORS (R, 126 minutes) Young roommates Jan (Daniel Bruehl) and Peter (Stipe Erceg) break into rich homes, rearrange the furniture and leave threatening graffiti — all this to protest capitalism's excesses. But when Jan becomes attracted to Peter's waitress-girlfriend, Jule (Julia Jentsch), the trouble starts. In short order, all three find themselves holding a wealthy businessman (Burghart Klaussner) hostage, with no idea what to do. Director Hans Weingartner has created a deft, entertaining story that mixes menace with charm and satire with seriousness, while he purposefully leads his characters, and the audience, into a full-circle dialogue with themselves. (DT)

FANTASTIC FOUR (PG-13, 105 minutes) This movie version of the comic book series, which stars Jessica Alba (as Susan Storm), Michael Chiklis (the Thing) and others, feels like a rote adap-

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tation. We go through the opening history and learn how four astronaut-scientists were caught in a wave of radioactivity and became the Fantastic Four team of superfreaks. But the movie lacks oomph. Despite some nice moments of computer-generated imagery, which includes a human fireball and a well-done scene on a Manhattan bridge in which the Thing uses his brute strength to stop a fire engine from plunging into the water, this "Four" ain't so "Fantastic." And the less said about the dialogue the better. The Fantastic Four never topped my personal short list, as far as comic book heroes went. And this so-so movie doesn't do much to change that feeling. (DT)

FOUR BROTHERS (R, 108 minutes) Director John Singleton's Detroit-based Western-without-cowboy-hats pits four thuggish adopted brothers (Mark Wahlberg, Tyrese Gibson, Garrett Hedlund and Andre Benjamin of the musical duo OutKast) against the gangsters who had their saintly mother killed. It's a diverting enough thriller, but one that ultimately doesn't expect — or even want — its audience to participate in it, except as a passenger. It would be twice as engaging if it spent half as much energy making us care about the vengeance-seeking siblings as it does making us not care about their victims. (MO)

THE 40-YEAR-OLD VIRGIN (R, 111 minutes) Filthy, funny and sweet in equal measure, the feature directorial debut of "Freaks and Geeks" writer-producer Judd Apatow is a Rob Schneider movie with the soul of a chick flick. That's not actually fair. While it's true that the comedy — revolving around the efforts of three friends (Paul Rudd, Romany Malco and Seth Rogen) to get their geeky nice-guy co-worker (Steve Carell) deflowered — has a lot of smutty humor, it's also pretty smart. In the end, the organ it's really all about exercising is the human heart. (MO)

THE GREAT RAID (R, 132 minutes) Based on one of modern history's boldest and most inspiring rescue missions, the story of how 500 POWs were freed from Japanese captivity in a remote corner of the Philippines during World War II is unnecessarily long, with lame dialogue, un-fleshed-out relationships between central characters and a formulaic romance between prisoner Joseph Fiennes and nurse Connie Nielsen. The film's epilogue, in which we see actual footage of the participants after the rescue, is touching in ways this dramatization just can't muster. (DT)

GRIZZLY MAN (R, 103 minutes) Filmmaker Werner Herzog has a knack for turning his films into intense visions of new worlds, literal or spiritual. "Grizzly Man" is no exception, in the way it takes us into both the heart of Alaska and the soul of author, wildlife activist, surfer and failed TV actor Timothy Treadwell, who in 2003 was killed and eaten by one of the grizzly bears whose preservation he championed (and among whom he lived for long stretches). It's an extraordinarily moving portrait of a strange man, but by gazing at the seemingly distant horizon that is Treadwell's life, we are brought disconcertingly closer to our own. (DT)

HUSTLE & FLOW (R, 114 minutes) In Craig Brewer's charming, gritty hip-hop fairy-tale, DJay (Terrence Howard) is a Memphis pimp heading nowhere slow, who dreams of making the music big time. He's always had a way with rhymes and he has an idea for a song. With the help of an old buddy and sound engineer (Anthony Anderson) and a scrawny white musician (DJ Qualls), DJay makes his new song, "Whup That Trick," take foot-stomping shape. He even gets his hookers, bottle-blonde Nola (Taryn Manning) and Shug (Taraji P. Henson), involved and liberates them in the process. Writer-director Brewer doesn't go light on the obscenity, which is part and parcel of the

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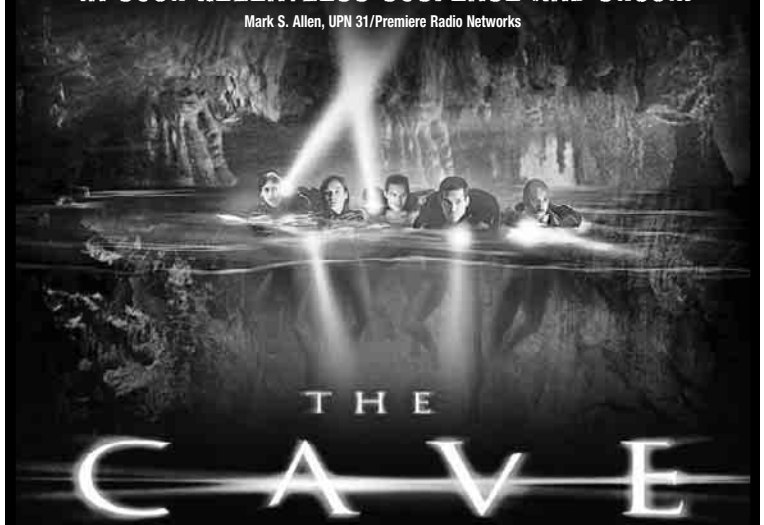

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language of the characters. But his story is so affecting, it threatens to make crossover audiences sing out: "You know, it's hard out here for a pimp." (DT)

THE ISLAND (PG-13, 127 minutes) Ewan McGregor and Scarlett Johansson, buffed and dressed in sparkling white, play harvested beings, or replicants — to borrow a term from "Blade Runner," which Michael Bay's movie has ransacked. McGregor is a cloned human called Lincoln Six Echo, and Johansson, named Jordan Two Delta, is also a copy of someone else. When they realize they are spare parts for their original molds, they make a run for it. Cue the helicopters and a paramilitary troubleshooter (Djimon Hounsou) who gives chase. We've seen this plot-line, and this Brave New World, in better sci-fi films. Thanks to their performances, it's still fun to watch. (DT)

MAD HOT BALLROOM (PG, 95 minutes) Marilyn Agrelo's at times stirring documentary follows groups of young participants in American Ballroom Theater's "Dancing Classrooms" program as they prepare for a climactic dance-off with student ballroom dancers from New York City public schools. It's a lot like "Spellbound," the spelling bee documentary, in that it has as much to say about the contestants — their lives and aspirations — as it does about the contest. In the end, it isn't only about the dancing (though there's plenty of that, and it's pretty darn good) as it is about living and growing up. (MO)

MADAGASCAR (PG, 86 minutes) The latest offering from DreamWorks Animation SKG, a tale of citified zoo animals who escape to the wilds of Madagascar from the Central Park Zoo, is high in antic energy but low in charm. Voiced with mostly perfunctory delivery by Ben Stiller, Chris Rock, David Schwimmer and Jada Pinkett Smith, the quartet of, respectively, Alex the lion, Marty the zebra, Melman the giraffe and Gloria the hippo experience a rude awakening when Alex's carnivorous nature puts their friendships at stake. But the story, which attempts to laugh its way out the fact that some animals eat one another, never really resolves its central conflict, which arises from the inescapable fact that it's a dog-eat-dog world. Contains cartoon violence, some humor centered on excretory functions, a bit of mild vulgar language and thematic material related to the fact that animals eat one another. (MO)

MARCH OF THE PENGUINS (G, 80 minutes) In this charmfest of a movie, narrator Morgan Freeman tells us about the habits and tremendous resilience of the emperor penguins, whose procreation quest takes them on an incredible journey on the frozen continent, where on a good day, the temperature is 58 degrees below zero. We're talking journeys of about 70 miles to the most frigid chunk of land on Earth. The film is full of wonderful moments and spectacles, including thousands of penguins huddled en masse, nursing their eggs. The wind moans and peppers them with snow. But they hold on to those eggs, which would crack and kill the baby inside if they touch the ground. (DT)

MR. & MRS. SMITH (PG-13, 112 minutes) Husband-and-wife hit men (Brad Pitt and Angelina Jolie) are hired to kill each other as bullets and romantic sparks fly. Pitt and Jolie's monumental charisma, coupled with director Doug Liman's stylishly jaundiced staging, makes this allegory of modern love a summer diversion that's fast-paced and sexy enough for the multiplex crowd and blackhearted enough for those with a taste for something more acidic. (MO)

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Marton Csokas and Natasha Richardson, crazy in love in "Asylum."

MURDERBALL (R, 86 minutes) This isn't just the best smash-mouth rugby documentary featuring muscular dudes in wheelchairs ever made. It's also a powerful movie by any standard. Four players per team, most of whom suffered injuries to the spine or neck, roll around and throw a ball around. We watch likable Mark Zupan and his national teammates take on the world's best, including Canada — coached by arch rival Joe Soares. Though the movie follows the American-Canadian rivalry in big clashes at the 2002 World Championship in Sweden and the 2004 Paralympics in Athens, "Murderball" isn't just about sports. It's an emotional visit with some determined young men (and one middle-

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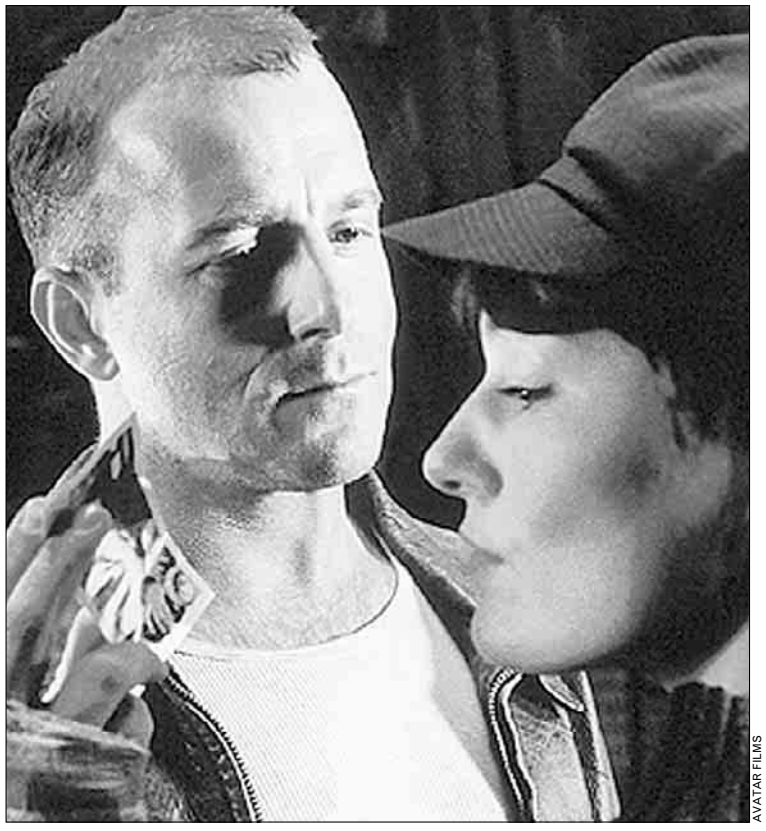
aged guy in major denial) who refuse to accept limitations in every aspect of their lives. (DT)

MUST LOVE DOGS (PG-13, 88 minutes) This listless, cliche-ridden tale of two divorcees who meet through an online dating service stands as yet another example of how easy it is for filmmakers to fail at romantic comedy. The usually radiant Diane Lane loses some of her luster as Sarah Nolan, a divorcee who ventures into the world of online dating after her sister posts her profile on a product-placed Web site. Eventually Sarah must choose between a quirky boat builder (John Cusack) and the flirtatious father of one of her students (Dermot Mulroney), but many viewers will lose interest long before she makes that decision. (JEN CHANEY)

RED EYE (PG-13, 85 minutes) Filmmaker Wes Craven's airplane-set thriller about a traveler (Rachel McAdams) held hostage by a smooth-talking criminal (Cillian Murphy) is a taut and supple entertainment, especially when it has nowhere to go but inside the characters' heads. Although it doesn't exactly fall apart in the film's final reel, when the action leaves the plane's cabin for the larger world, it does lose some of the pressure-cooker intensity of the film's first hour. (MO)



AVATAR FILMS

THE GERMAN UNDERGROUND: Suspense trumps any explanation of troubling details in "The Tunnel," a nail-biting German version of "The Great Escape."

THE SKELETON KEY (PG-13, 104 minutes) As voodoo-themed thrillers go, "The Skeleton Key" delivers on all formulaic counts, except one: It never serves up any truly nightmare-inspiring scares. Kate Hudson bravely allows her mascara to repeatedly run in her role as Caroline Ellis, a live-in caretaker to stroke victim Ben Devereaux (John Hurt), who happens to live in a creepy mansion in the swampy outskirts of New Orleans with his overprotective wife Violet (Gena Rowlands). Immediately, Caroline senses something weird about the place. To paraphrase the lyrics of Carlos Santana, it appears the Devereauxs have got a black magic attic. Like almost every psychological horror flick spawned from Hollywood these days — from "The Forgotten" to 2001's exceptional "The Others" — "The Skeleton Key" creates a mood of general foreboding, sprinkles in a few spine-straightening jolts, then caps it all off with a twist ending. (DT)

SKY HIGH (PG, 99 minutes) "Sky High" is a slight but sure-footed, live-action comic fantasy from Disney. Director Mike Mitchell deftly blends two genres — the high school romance and the special-effects-laden superhero comic book adaptation — and manages to spoof yet salute both with a refreshing lack of pretension. Will Stronghold (Michael Angarano), son of Captain Stronghold (Kurt Russell) and Josie Jetstream (Kelly Preston), knows his parents expect him to follow in their world-saving path. Will arrives at Sky High, a school for superheroes' kids, without powers but that begins to change. The younger actors all avoid ham-acting, and their more seasoned colleagues have fun with the witty material. (JANE HORWITZ)

SUPERCROSS: THE MOVIE (PG-13, 80 minutes) This poor man's "Lords of Dogtown" substitutes hardcore motorcycle racing for extreme skateboarding and features a young cast of TV-bred actors. But the movie's not about romance, except with bikes flying incessantly through the air.

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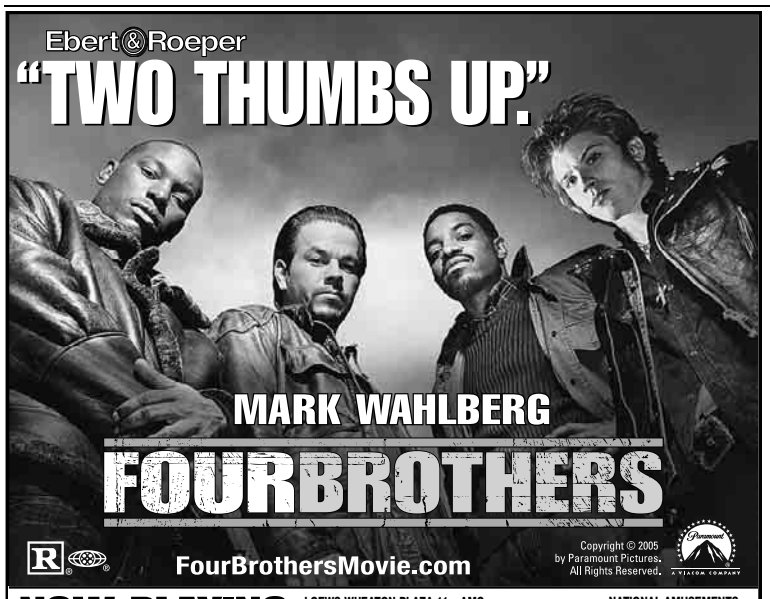

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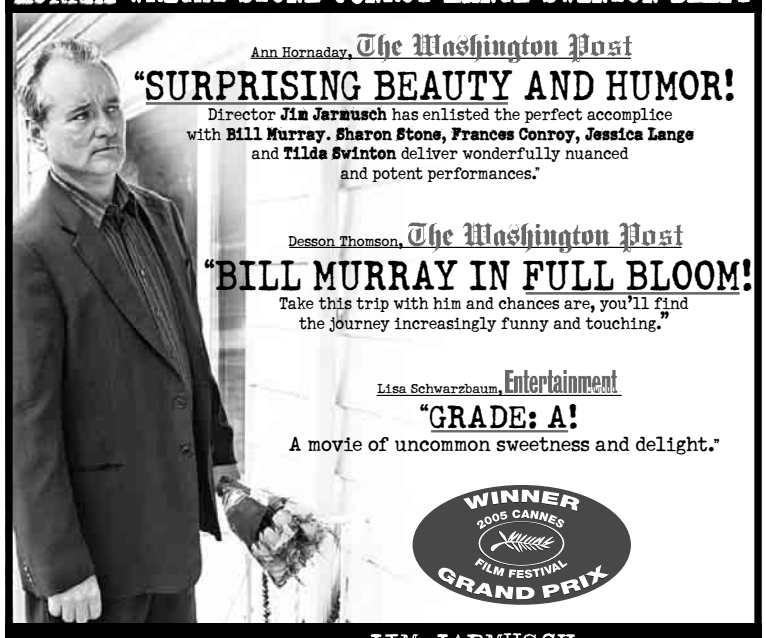

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BROKEN FLOWERS (R)
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LILA SAYS (NR)
12:15, 2:40, 5:05, 7:25, 9:40
JUNEBUG (R)
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MARCH OF THE PENGUINS (G)
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Essentially, it's little more than an IMAX-style promotion for the sport of motorcycling. (RICHARD HARRINGTON)

THE TUNNEL (Unrated, 160 minutes) An old-fashioned thriller along the lines of "The Great Escape," German filmmaker Roland Suso Richter's fact-based drama tells the story of champion East German swimmer Harry Melchior (Heino Ferch) who escapes to the West just before the building of the Berlin Wall, only to tunnel back under it to rescue the family he left behind. If certain details are overlooked, the suspense is nevertheless masterfully handled, with a fine ensemble cast. (MO)

VALIANT (G, 76 minutes) This World War II-set animated adventure about a plucky carrier pigeon (voice of Ewan McGregor) is proof that it isn't easy to make movies that appeal both to kids and their parents. Too reliant on a knowledge of Nazi history for children, and too short and tepid for the grown-ups who will get the references to old war movies, the movie makes a valiant attempt to be a double agent, but ultimately hasn't figured out who it really wants to work for. (MO)

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WAR OF THE WORLDS (PG-13, 118) Starring Tom Cruise as a divorced father trying to protect his children (Dakota Fanning and Justin Chatwin) from annihilation by ruthless visitors from outer space, this "War of the Worlds" spends a considerable amount of time exploring the interior life of one man, but not at the expense of the film's profound, sustained thrills. It's a rip-roaring popcorn flick with a heart. (MO)

WEDDING CRASHERS (R, 119 minutes) Jeremy (Vince Vaughn) and John (Owen Wilson) are scoundrels who crash weddings so they can score with women, in this often-funny caper. But when they attend a big-time Washington wedding party for the daughter of Secretary of the Treasury William Cleary (Christopher Walken), things change: They each fall for one of the Cleary daughters (Isla Fisher and Rachel McAdams). Vaughn is definitely the best man in this wedding comedy. He's a cad and a half who can motormouth like a machine gun. (DT)

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WAR OF THE WORLDS (PG13)
2:30, 7:30

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THE CAVE (PG13) ✓ 12:30, 3:15, 5:55, 8:35, 11:10
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THE 40 YEAR-OLD VIRGIN (R) ✓ 12:05, 1:15, 3:05, 4:10, 5:45, 7:15, 8:30, 10:05, 11:25
THE 40 YEAR-OLD VIRGIN (R) DV CC ✓ 12:05, 3:05, 5:45, 8:30, 11:25
RED EYE (PG13) ✓ 12:15, 2:50, 3:20, 5:10, 5:50, 7:30, 8:25, 9:45, 10:55, 11:55
VALIANT (G) ✓ 12:20, 2:35, 4:50, 7:25, 9:30
SUPERCROSS: THE MOVIE (PG13) ✓ 12:25, 2:40
DEUCE BIGALOW: EUROPEAN GIGOLO (R) 12:10, 2:30, 5:05, 7:15, 9:50, 11:55
FOUR BROTHERS (R) 12:10, 1:20, 2:45, 4:05, 5:25, 6:50, 8:15, 9:35, 11:00, 12:00
THE GREAT RAID (R) 1:30, 4:45, 7:50, 10:45
THE SKELETON KEY (PG13) 1:25, 4:00, 7:00, 9:35, 12:00
BROKEN FLOWERS (R) 1:55, 4:55, 7:55, 10:40
THE DUKES OF HAZZARD (PG13) 3:15, 8:35
MUST LOVE DOGS (PG13) 5:00, 7:25, 9:55
SKY HIGH (PG) 1:45, 4:40, 7:35, 10:00
HUSTLE & FLOW (R) 12:40, 4:10, 7:00, 9:45
CHARLIE AND THE CHOCOLATE FACTORY (PG) 12:20, 5:35, 11:15
WEDDING CRASHERS (R) 12:00, 2:45, 5:30, 8:30, 11:30
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RED EYE (PG13) ✓ 1:00, 3:15, 5:30, 8:00, 10:15
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FOUR BROTHERS (R) 2:00, 4:45, 7:30, 10:15
THE SKELETON KEY (PG13) 1:35, 4:00, 7:00, 9:30
SKY HIGH (PG) 1:45, 4:30, 7:15
SKY HIGH (PG) CC 1:45, 4:30, 7:15
HUSTLE & FLOW (R) 9:35 PM
WEDDING CRASHERS (R) 1:20, 4:00, 7:00, 9:50

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THE CAVE (PG13) ✓ 1:20, 4:20, 7:10, 9:50
THE 40 YEAR-OLD VIRGIN (R) ✓ 1:10, 4:10, 7:10, 10:10
RED EYE (PG13) ✓ 12:50, 3:10, 5:30, 7:50, 10:10
DEUCE BIGALOW: EUROPEAN GIGOLO (R) 12:40, 2:50, 5:00, 7:20, 9:40
FOUR BROTHERS (R) 1:30, 4:40, 7:30, 10:20
THE SKELETON KEY (PG13) 1:20, 4:50, 7:40, 10:20
SKY HIGH (PG) 12:30, 3:00, 5:30, 8:00, 10:30

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5:00, 10:00
WAR OF THE WORLDS (PG13)
2:30, 7:30

THE BROTHERS GRIMM (PG13) ✓ 1:00, 4:00, 7:00, 9:50
THE CAVE (PG13) ✓ 12:10, 2:40, 5:25, 8:10, 10:45
UNDISCOVERED (PG13) ✓ 12:30, 3:00, 5:20, 7:40, 10:05
THE 40 YEAR-OLD VIRGIN (R) ✓ 1:40, 4:40, 7:50, 10:35
RED EYE (PG13) ✓ 1:20, 2:00, 3:30, 4:20, 5:45, 7:30, 8:10, 9:45, 10:40
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UNDISCOVERED (PG13) 1:40, 4:50, 7:50, 10:15
VALIANT (G) ✓ 1:00, 3:00, 5:00, 7:15, 9:20
SUPERCROSS: THE MOVIE (PG13) ✓ 9:40 PM
FOUR BROTHERS (R) 2:00, 4:45, 7:25, 9:45
THE GREAT RAID (R) 1:10, 4:30, 7:20, 10:10
THE SKELETON KEY (PG13) 1:50, 5:00, 7:30, 9:50
MURDERBALL (R) 2:10, 5:30, 8:00, 10:05
CHARLIE AND THE CHOCOLATE FACTORY (PG) 1:20, 4:40
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THE CAVE (PG13) ✓ 1:45, 4:45, 7:45, 10:15
THE 40 YEAR-OLD VIRGIN (R) ✓ 1:15, 4:15, 7:15, 9:50
SUPERCROSS: THE MOVIE (PG13) 4:45, 10:00
FOUR BROTHERS (R) 1:30, 4:30, 7:30, 10:00
THE SKELETON KEY (PG13) 1:30, 4:30, 8:00, 10:15
CHARLIE AND THE CHOCOLATE FACTORY (PG) 1:30, 7:30

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THE GREAT RAID (R) 6:40, 10:00
THE SKELETON KEY (PG13) 1:10, 3:40, 6:35, 9:20, 12:05
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RED EYE (PG13) 4:30, 8:10, 10:30
SUPERCROSS: THE MOVIE (PG13) 5:00
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MARCH OF THE PENGUINS (G) 4:40, 7:40, 10:10

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THE 40 YEAR-OLD VIRGIN (R) 1:30, 4:30, 7:20, 10:15
RED EYE (PG13) 12:30, 2:55, 5:15, 7:30, 9:45
VALIANT (G) 12:30, 2:50, 5:00, 7:15
SUPERCROSS: THE MOVIE (PG13) 9:55 PM
DEUCE BIGALOW: EUROPEAN GIGOLO (R) 9:50 PM
FOUR BROTHERS (R) 1:15, 4:00, 7:00, 9:50
THE SKELETON KEY (PG13) 1:10, 4:15, 7:10, 10:05
THE SKELETON KEY (PG13) DV CC 1:10, 4:15, 7:10, 10:05
SKY HIGH (PG) 1:00, 4:00, 7:00
WEDDING CRASHERS (R) 1:20, 4:20, 7:15, 10:00
MARCH OF THE PENGUINS (G) 12:45, 2:45, 5:00, 7:25, 9:45

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THE SKELETON KEY (PG–13) (3:10 5:40)8:00 10:15
FOUR BROTHERS (R) (1:40 4:10)7:10 10:00
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FANTASTIC FOUR (PG–13) (3:10)7:25
WAR OF THE WORLDS (PG–13) (5:15)9:30
MARCH OF THE PENGUINS (G) (3:00 5:30)7:40 9:35

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THE BROTHERS GRIMM (PG–13) (11:30 2:10 4:40)7:20 9:55
UNDISCOVERED (PG–13) (12:30 2:50 5:05)7:35 9:40
RED EYE (PG–13) (12:40 2:40 5:10)7:15 9:30
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SKY HIGH (PG) (12:20 3:15)6:30
WEDDING CRASHERS (R) (11:40 2:15 4:45)7:10 9:45
MARCH OF THE PENGUINS (G) (12:00 2:00 4:00)6:00 8:00 9:50

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Double-Feature:
FANTASTIC FOUR and WAR OF THE WORLDS

★ THE CAVE (PG–13) (2:50)6:10 8:50 11:50
★ THE BROTHERS GRIMM (PG–13) (1:50 5:00)7:50 10:50
★ RED EYE Rear Window Captioning (PG–13) (2:30 4:50)7:20 9:50 12:10
★ VALIANT (G) (1:30 3:30 5:30)7:30 10:30
DEUCE BIGALOW: EUROPEAN GIGOLO (R) 9:40 11:30
FOUR BROTHERS (R) (ON 3 SCREENS) (1:20 2:20 4:10 5:20) 6:20 7:10 8:20 9:20 10:10 11:20 12:00
SKY HIGH (PG) (2:00 4:30)7:00
HUSTLE & FLOW (R) (1:40 4:40)7:40 10:40
CHARLIE AND THE CHOCOLATE FACTORY (PG) (1:10)
WEDDING CRASHERS (R) (2:10 5:10)8:10 11:10
WAR OF THE WORLDS (PG–13) (1:00 5:15)9:30
FANTASTIC FOUR (PG–13) (3:10)7:25 11:40
MARCH OF THE PENGUINS (G) (12:50 3:00 5:40)8:00 10:00

Cineplex Odeon DUPONT CIRCLE 5
Dupont Circle M
1350 19th Street 202-972-0956

PRETTY PERSUASION (NR) (2:15 4:50)7:20 9:50
HEIGHTS (R) (2:20 4:30)7:30 9:45
APRÉS VOUS (R) (2:10 4:40)7:10 9:40
SAVING FACE (R) (2:30 5:00)7:40 10:00
CINDERELLA MAN (PG–13) (2:00 5:10)8:30

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MARCH OF THE PENGUINS (G) (1:00 3:10 5:20)7:30 9:40

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THE CAVE (PG–13) (1:30 4:05)6:30 9:00 11:30
THE BROTHERS GRIMM (PG–13) (11:00 12:00 1:45 2:45 4:30 5:30) 7:15 8:20 10:00 11:00
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THE GREAT RAID (R) (1:00 4:00)7:00 10:00
THE DUKES OF HAZZARD (PG–13) (1:00)
BROKEN FLOWERS (R) (11:35 2:05 4:35)7:05 9:40
MUST LOVE DOGS (PG–13) 9:50
SKY HIGH (PG) (12:00 2:15 4:30)7:05
THE ARISTOCRATS (NR) (11:30 1:50 4:10)6:30 8:45
CHARLIE AND THE CHOCOLATE FACTORY (PG) (12:30)
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WAR OF THE WORLDS (PG–13) (1:00 5:15)9:30

Cineplex Odeon SHIRLINGTON 7
2772 South Randolph 703-671-0978

PRETTY PERSUASION (NR) (12:30 3:00 5:20)7:40 10:00
THE GREAT RAID (R) (4:00)6:30 9:30
GRIZZLY MAN (R) (1:00 3:40)6:50 9:10
BROKEN FLOWERS (R) (1:30 3:50)6:40 9:00
JUNEBUG (R) (12:50 3:10 5:30)7:50 10:10
MUST LOVE DOGS (PG–13) (1:10)
THE ARISTOCRATS (NR) (12:40 2:50 5:00)7:00 9:20
MARCH OF THE PENGUINS (G) (1:20 5:10)7:30 9:40

Cineplex Odeon WISCONSIN AVE. CINEMAS
4000 Wisconsin Avenue N.W. 202-244-0982

THE CAVE (PG–13) (2:20 4:45)7:05 9:25
THE BROTHERS GRIMM (PG–13) (1:50 4:20)7:00 9:40
VALIANT (G) (2:40 5:00)7:15
THE SKELETON KEY (PG–13) (2:15 4:40)6:55 9:20
MUST LOVE DOGS (PG–13) 9:15
WEDDING CRASHERS (R) (2:10 4:40)7:15 9:45
FANTASTIC FOUR (PG–13) (3:10)7:25
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Cineplex Odeon ST. CHARLES TOWNE CTR. 9
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★ RED EYE (PG–13) (1:35 3:40 5:40)7:40 9:35
WEDDING CRASHERS (R) (1:55 4:35)7:30 10:05
★ THE 40 YEAR-OLD VIRGIN (R) (2:30 5:20)7:50 10:15
DEUCE BIGALOW: EUROPEAN GIGOLO (R) 9:20
SKY HIGH (PG) (1:10 4:20)7:00
HUSTLE & FLOW (R) 9:55
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FOUR BROTHERS (R) (2:15 4:55)7:20 9:45
★ THE BROTHERS GRIMM (PG–13) (2:55 5:30)8:00 10:30
★ THE CAVE (PG–13) (2:40 4:45)5:00 9:10

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★ THE BROTHERS GRIMM (PG–13) (ON 2 SCREENS) (1:20 2:30 4:10 5:20)7:00 8:10 9:50 11:00 12:35
★ RED EYE (PG–13) (1:30 3:40 5:50)8:00 10:20
THE 40 YEAR-OLD VIRGIN Rear Window Captioning (R) (1:00 3:50)6:40 9:20 12:00
THE SKELETON KEY (PG–13) (2:20 4:50)7:30 10:10
FOUR BROTHERS (R) (1:40 4:30)7:20 10:30
THE GREAT RAID (R) (2:00 5:00)8:30 11:30
BROKEN FLOWERS (R) (2:10 4:40)7:10 9:40 12:20
MUST LOVE DOGS (PG–13) 8:20 10:50
THE ARISTOCRATS (NR) (1:10 3:20 5:40)7:50 10:00 12:20
HUSTLE & FLOW (R) (12:50) P.M.
CHARLIE AND THE CHOCOLATE FACTORY (PG) (2:50 5:30)
WEDDING CRASHERS (R) (ON 2 SCREENS) (1:05 3:30 4:20) 6:20 7:40 9:10 10:40 12:10
MARCH OF THE PENGUINS (G) (1:50 4:00)6:30 8:40 11:10
CRASH (R) (2:40)6:10 9:00 11:40

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THE BROTHERS GRIMM (PG–13) (11:25 2:10 4:50)7:40 10:20
THE 40 YEAR-OLD VIRGIN (R) (11:30 2:15 5:00)7:35 10:15
FOUR BROTHERS (R) (12:00 2:30 4:55)7:20 9:45
WEDDING CRASHERS (R) (11:15 2:00 4:40)7:25 10:05
MARCH OF THE PENGUINS (G) (11:45 1:45 3:50)6:00 8:05 10:10

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THE BROTHERS GRIMM (PG-13) DIG (1245 130 340 420) 635 720 925 1010 1215
UNDISCOVERED (PG-13) DIG (1225 245 505) 725 945 1205
RED EYE (PG-13) DIG (1220 235 330 445 540) 710 755 930 1015 1145
OC: RED EYE (PG-13) DIG (115)
40 YEAR OLD VIRGIN (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (100 150 350 440) 645 735 940 1020 1220
VALIANT (G) DIG (1240 250 455) 700 910 1115
SUPERCROSS (PG-13) DIG (120)
FOUR BROTHERS (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (1200 140 230 415 500) 650 730 920 1005 1155
THE SKELETON KEY (PG-13) DIG (145 430) 715 950 1225
DEUCE BIGALOW: EUROPEAN GIGOLO (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (320 530) 745 1000
HUSTLE AND FLOW (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (110 355) 640 930 1200
WEDDING CRASHERS (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (105 410) 655 935 1210

BALLSTON COMMON STADIUM 12
Glebe Rd, Arlington 800-FANDANGO 377#

Adv. Tix on Sale BROOKS & DUNN (NR) ★
RED EYE (PG-13) DIG (1225 110 240 335 515) 630 735 850 955
40 YEAR OLD VIRGIN (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (1230 325) 645 930
40 YEAR OLD VIRGIN (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (120 440) 730 1005
DEUCE BIGALOW: EUROPEAN GIGOLO (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (115)
BROKEN FLOWERS (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (1240 345) 640 925
THE ARISTOCRATS (NR) DIG (1220 230 510) 740 1015
MUST LOVE DOGS (PG-13) DIG (340) 650 920
SKY HIGH (PG) DIG (1240 330) 705
WEDDING CRASHERS (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (130 430) 715 1000
WEDDING CRASHERS (R) - ID REQ'D DIG 930
MARCH OF THE PENGUINS (G) DIG (1225 235 445) 700 915
THE BROTHERS GRIMM (PG-13) DIG (1220 320) 655 945
THE BROTHERS GRIMM (PG-13) DIG (125 425) 720 1010

BOWIE STADIUM 14
15200 Major Lansdale Blvd 800-FANDANGO 454#

THE BROTHERS GRIMM (PG-13) DIG (105 405) 700 955 1240
THE CAVE (PG-13) DIG (155 450) 725 1000 1235
UNDISCOVERED (PG-13) DIG (120 350) 740 1015
40 YEAR OLD VIRGIN (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (110 210 400 500) 650 750 940 1040 1230
RED EYE (PG-13) DIG (140 420) 720 950 1210
FOUR BROTHERS (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (100 200 345 445) 645 745 935 1035 1220
THE SKELETON KEY (PG-13) DIG (145 425) 705 945 1225
VALIANT (G) DIG (150 430) 715
SKY HIGH (PG) DIG (205 440) 735 1030
CHARLIE & THE CHOCOLATE FACTORY (PG) DIG 925
WEDDING CRASHERS (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (115 435) 730 1025
MARCH OF THE PENGUINS (G) DIG (135 415) 710 1005
DEUCE BIGALOW: EUROPEAN GIGOLO (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (410) 710 930 1200
SUPERCROSS (PG-13) DIG (130)

BETHESDA 10
7272 Wisconsin Avenue 800-FANDANGO 569#

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THE BROTHERS GRIMM (PG-13) DIG (1240 345) 700 950
UNDISCOVERED (PG-13) DIG (120 410) 720 1005
40 YEAR OLD VIRGIN (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (1250 400) 650 945
RED EYE (PG-13) DIG (130 420) 715 1010
WEDDING CRASHERS (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (1230 320) 640 935
FOUR BROTHERS (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (1245 330) 630 955
VALIANT (G) DIG (100 430) 710 925
THE SKELETON KEY (PG-13) DIG (110 355) 705 1000
MUST LOVE DOGS (PG-13) DIG (105 335) 645 930
SKY HIGH (PG) DIG (125 350) 635 920

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THE BROTHERS GRIMM (PG-13) DIG (Stadium) (1130 225 515) 800 1100
THE BROTHERS GRIMM (PG-13) DIG (Stadium) (1225 320) 650 945
THE CAVE (PG-13) (Stadium) DIG (1235 300) 630 900 1130
UNDISCOVERED (PG-13) DIG (Stadium) (1220 250 510) 735 1005
40 YEAR OLD VIRGIN (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (Stadium) (1140 220 500) 740 1030
40 YEAR OLD VIRGIN (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (Stadium) (1255 350) 635 920
RED EYE (PG-13) DIG (Stadium) (1205 140 230 400 455) 625 730 905 1000 1140
VALIANT (G) DIG (Stadium) (1150 155 430) 705
WEDDING CRASHERS (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (Stadium) (1245 215 340 505) 640 750 935 1040
SUPERCROSS (PG-13) DIG (Stadium) (1215)
FOUR BROTHERS (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (Stadium) (1200 115 240 355 520) 645 755 925 1035 1200
THE SKELETON KEY (PG-13) (Stadium) DIG (125 410) 655 930 1155
DEUCE BIGALOW: EUROPEAN GIGOLO (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (Stadium) 955
THE DUKES OF HAZZARD (PG-13) DIG (Stadium) 910
SKY HIGH (PG) DIG (Stadium) (1145 210 440) 710
CHARLIE & THE CHOCOLATE FACTORY (PG) DIG (Stadium) (110 420) 720 1015

COUNTRYSIDE STADIUM 20
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DEUCE BIGALOW: EUROPEAN GIGOLO (R) - ID REQ'D DIG 920
SUPERCROSS (PG-13) DIG (115)
UNDISCOVERED (PG-13) DIG (1220 300 520) 745 1000
MARCH OF THE PENGUINS (G) DIG (120 340) 610 850
SKY HIGH (PG) DIG (1210 310) 615 900
CHARLIE & THE CHOCOLATE FACTORY (PG) DIG (1250 350) 640 930
VALIANT (G) DIG (1200 200 420) 650 910
40 YEAR OLD VIRGIN (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (1150 140 240 440 540) 740 840 1040
WEDDING CRASHERS (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (215 415 515) 715 810 1015
THE BROTHERS GRIMM (PG-13) DIG (1150 130 230 430 530) 730 830 1030
THE CAVE (PG-13) DIG (1215 250 500) 800 1035
THE SKELETON KEY (PG-13) DIG (220 445) 700 940
FANTASTIC FOUR (PG-13) DIG (1240 320) 620
WAR OF THE WORLDS (PG-13) DIG (1230 330) 630 915
RED EYE (PG-13) DIG (110 210 410 510) 720 820 1020
FOUR BROTHERS (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (150 450) 750 1025
GREAT RAID (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (100 400) 710 1010
THE DUKES OF HAZZARD (PG-13) DIG (1245) 950
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VALIANT (G) DIG (100 300 500) 710 920 1150
RED EYE (PG-13) DIG (120 330) 630 910 1200
40 YEAR OLD VIRGIN (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (110 150 350 450) 640 740 920 1020 1140
SUPERCROSS (PG-13) DIG 930 1140
FOUR BROTHERS (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (130 420) 720 1000 1240
THE SKELETON KEY (PG-13) DIG (140 410) 730 1010 1250
DEUCE BIGALOW: EUROPEAN GIGOLO (R) - ID REQ'D DIG 1200
SKY HIGH (PG) DIG (100 320) 700
WEDDING CRASHERS (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (110 350) 700 940 1220
MARCH OF THE PENGUINS (G) DIG (100 300 510) 710 930
UNDISCOVERED (PG-13) DIG (140 400) 730 1010 1230
THE CAVE (PG-13) DIG (150 410) 740 1020 1230
THE BROTHERS GRIMM (PG-13) DIG (130 420) 720 1000 1240
GREAT RAID (R) - ID REQ'D (120 440) 800 1130

FAIRFAX TOWNE CENTER 10
4110 W Ox Road 800-FANDANGO 670#

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THE BROTHERS GRIMM (PG-13) (1100 115 145 400 430) 645 715 930 1000
40 YEAR OLD VIRGIN (R) - ID REQ'D (1115 120 200 415 445) 700 730 945 1015
RED EYE (PG-13) (1100 110 320 530) 740 950 1020
VALIANT (G) (1130 130 330 530) 735
THE SKELETON KEY (PG-13) (1215 245 515) 800 1035
MARCH OF THE PENGUINS (G) (1200 205 410) 630 845
CHARLIE & THE CHOCOLATE FACTORY (PG) (1250 350) 650 940
WEDDING CRASHERS (R) - ID REQ'D (1120 215 500) 745 1030

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THE BROTHERS GRIMM (PG-13) DIG (Stadium) (110 410) 710 1010
THE CAVE (PG-13) (Stadium) DIG (130 420) 740 1010 1230
VALIANT (G) DIG (Stadium) (115 315 515) 715 915
RED EYE (PG-13) DIG (Stadium) (140 415) 730 1000 1220
40 YEAR OLD VIRGIN (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (Stadium) (100 400) 700 1020
40 YEAR OLD VIRGIN (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (Stadium) (200 500) 800 1100
SUPERCROSS (PG-13) DIG (Stadium) 950 1215
FOUR BROTHERS (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (Stadium) (100 400) 700 1000 1230
FOUR BROTHERS (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (Stadium) (500) 800 1040
THE SKELETON KEY (PG-13) DIG (Stadium) (120 420) 720 1020
DEUCE BIGALOW: EUROPEAN GIGOLO (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (Stadium) (200)
THE DUKES OF HAZZARD (PG-13) (Stadium) DIG 1030
SKY HIGH (PG) (Stadium) DIG (115 430) 710
CHARLIE & THE CHOCOLATE FACTORY (PG) DIG (Stadium) (110 410) 715
WEDDING CRASHERS (R) - ID REQ'D (Stadium) DIG (130 430) 730 1030
MARCH OF THE PENGUINS (G) DIG (Stadium) (145 415) 645 920 1130
UNDISCOVERED (PG-13) DIG (Stadium) (120 440) 720 950

UA SNOWDEN SQ STADIUM 14
9161 Commerce Ctr Dr 800-FANDANGO 570#

Adv. Tix on Sale BROOKS & DUNN (NR) ★
UNDISCOVERED (PG-13) DIG (130 430) 730 1000
THE CAVE (PG-13) DIG (140 445) 730 1010
THE BROTHERS GRIMM (PG-13) DIG (120 415) 700 950
OC: RED EYE (PG-13) DIG (140)
VALIANT (G) DIG (150 500) 800 1015
RED EYE (PG-13) DIG (445) 745 1010
40 YEAR OLD VIRGIN (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (100 200 345 500) 700 815 950
SUPERCROSS (PG-13) DIG 940
FOUR BROTHERS (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (110 400) 630 915
THE SKELETON KEY (PG-13) DIG (130 430) 715 1000
GREAT RAID (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (200 515) 830
SKY HIGH (PG) DIG (120 415) 715
CHARLIE & THE CHOCOLATE FACTORY (PG) DIG (110 400) 645 930
WEDDING CRASHERS (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (100 345) 645 930
MARCH OF THE PENGUINS (G) DIG (150 515) 745 1015

MANASSAS STADIUM 14
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THE BROTHERS GRIMM (PG-13) (1225 325) 650 950
THE CAVE (PG-13) (120 405) 700 945
UNDISCOVERED (PG-13) (1140 205 425) 745 1015
40 YEAR OLD VIRGIN (R) - ID REQ'D (1215 1245 310 345) 630 705 915 955
RED EYE (PG-13) (1150 210 430) 720 940
VALIANT (G) (1145 200 410) 725
SUPERCROSS (PG-13) 1010
DEUCE BIGALOW: EUROPEAN GIGOLO (R) - ID REQ'D 940
FOUR BROTHERS (R) - ID REQ'D (100 355) 645 930
GREAT RAID (R) - ID REQ'D (1210 315) 620 920
THE SKELETON KEY (PG-13) (110 400) 710 1000
MARCH OF THE PENGUINS (G) (1200 220 435) 730 1005
THE DUKES OF HAZZARD (PG-13) 925
SKY HIGH (PG) (115 420) 740
CHARLIE & THE CHOCOLATE FACTORY (PG) (1230 330) 625
WEDDING CRASHERS (R) - ID REQ'D (1240 340) 640 935

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Television

No One's Looking

While summer TV tries its hardest to please, viewers doze

CBS

FLOP SWEAT: CBS expected big numbers from the competition "Rock Star: INXS."

TOO DARN HOT | Movie studios wondering where filmgoers went this summer can rest assured of one thing: Those missing Americans weren't glued to the TV screen.

With the notable exception of ABC's "Dancing With the Stars," the six major broadcast networks have slogged through a disappointing summer, with household viewing down about 6 percent compared with the same period last year. Among the advertiser-friendly demographic of adults ages 18 to 49, the slide was even worse.

A number of heavily promoted reality series tanked, including CBS' "Rock Star: INXS," NBC's "I Want to Be a Hilton," and David E. Kelley's "The Law Firm," which moved to Bravo after two low-rated episodes.

But scripted series failed to deliver as well. ABC watched its Roman epic "Empire" decline and fall. And viewers showed little interest in repeats of hits like "Desperate Housewives" or "Lost."

As in recent years, basic cable took advantage of broadcasters' summertime slowdown and unleashed a blitz of original scripted series. TNT's crime drama "The Closer" was a sleeper hit and the network also drew strong numbers with its series "Wanted" and the miniseries "Into the West." FX's Iraq drama "Over There" started out powerfully, although it dropped in subsequent airings.

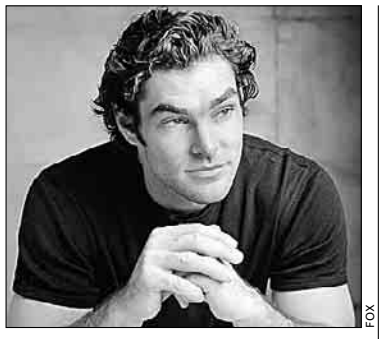
"The fall is the time when broadcast comes out with new scripted stuff, but summertime is when cable does it," said Jack Wakshlag, chief research officer at Turner Broadcasting, which includes TNT.

Spanish-language network Univision, meanwhile, dominated the rapidly growing young Hispanic audience with the telenovelas "La Madrastra" and "Apuesta Por Un Amor."

The summer numbers raise doubts about broadcasters' oft-expressed hopes of grabbing momentum away from cable during the warmer months. Over the past five years, network executives have increasingly eyed summer as a platform for new reality series; both CBS' "Survivor" and Fox's "American Idol" started as summer shows and became top performers during the regular season, too. But the search for the next hot reality offering may have created a glut since May.

"It's not that the broadcasters struck out," said Steve Sternberg, executive vice president at New York-based ad firm Magna Global. "There was just so much reality that there were more flops than successes." SCOTT COLLINS (LOS ANGELES TIMES)

Writers Sue Over Reality



FOX

"Joe Millionaire" is a lawsuit's target.

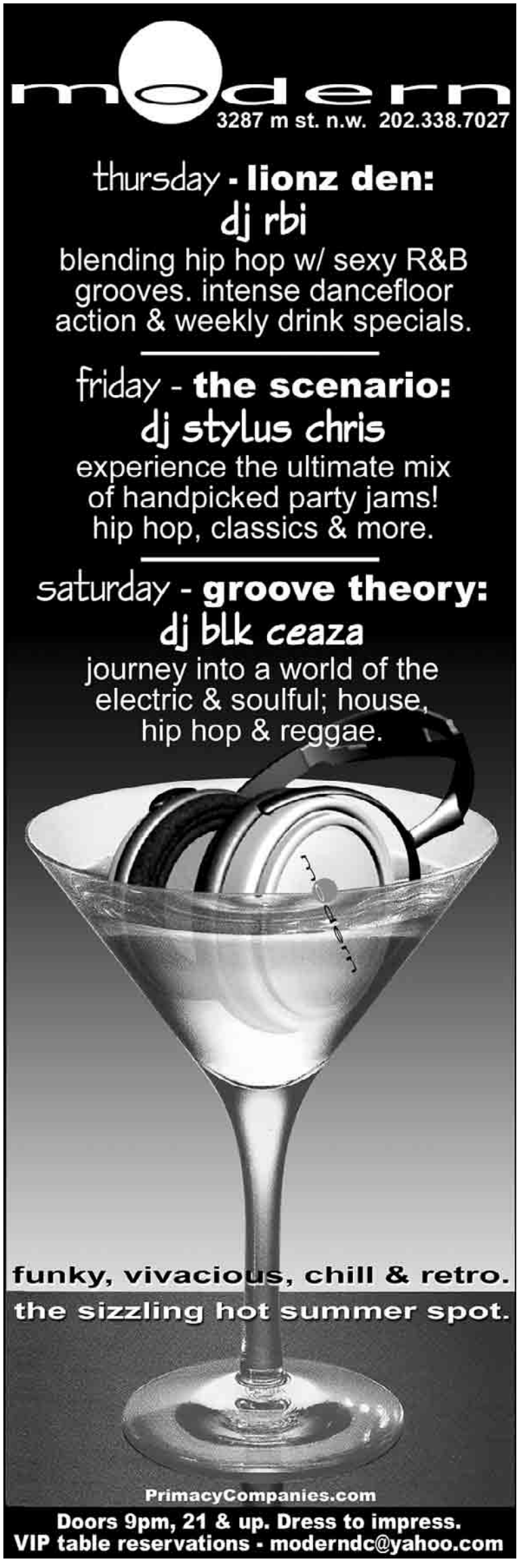
LOS ANGELES | Hollywood writers have sued Fox Broadcasting and the producer of such reality shows as "Joe Millionaire," charging the companies with violating California's labor laws covering payment of wages, overtime and meal breaks.

The lawsuit is the second filed with assistance from the Writers Guild of America, west, which is trying to pressure producers to agree to an industry-wide contract with those who "write" the supposedly unscripted shows.

The latest suit was filed on behalf of 10 writers and editors and is seeking class-action status. It claims that Fox and Rocket Science Laboratories, the producer of seven reality shows on Fox, required employees to falsify time cards, failed to pay overtime and routinely required plaintiffs to work 12 hours a day or more.

Last month, a group of 12 writers sued ABC, CBS, WB and Turner Broadcasting System Inc., as well as several other producers, making similar claims.

"It's time for Fox and the other major broadcasting companies to step out in the light of day and end these injustices," WGA president Daniel Petrie Jr. said in a statement. GARY GENTILE (AP)



Television

BEST FOOT FORWARD: He's already won the talent competition in the hearts of America, but "Dancing With the Stars" favorite John O'Hurley is set to host the 29th annual Mrs. America competition Sept. 7 in Palm Springs, Calif.

ON TV THIS WEEKEND

PRIME-TIME COUNTRY, PART I
Wynonna Judd appears on the first of two episodes of **HOPE & FAITH** (Fri., 9 p.m., ABC), about the two sisters appearing in a "Wife Swap"-type reality show.

PRIME-TIME COUNTRY, PART 2
On a similar theme, Dolly Parton guest stars as a real estate agent on Reba (Fri., 9 p.m., WB), starring fellow country-music superstar Reba McEntire.

SINK YOUR TEETH INTO THIS
Scheduled on **20/20** (Fri., 10 p.m., ABC): Novelist Elizabeth Kostova travels to Transylvania to discuss her best-selling book "The Historian" and discuss vampire lore, fact and fiction.

STAY UP LATE
The 2005 documentary **MIDNIGHT MOVIES** (Fri., 9:45 p.m., Encore) celebrates an era of audacious cinema and insomniac audiences, followed by a late-night marathon of cult classics from the era, including **THE ROCKY HORROR PICTURE SHOW** (11:45 p.m.), **NIGHT OF THE LIVING DEAD** (1 a.m.), **PINK FLAMINGOS** (2:40 a.m.) and **THE HARDER THEY COME** (4:30 a.m.).

THE WILD WESTERN
The Encore Westerns channel celebrates the 50th anniversary of **GUNSMOKE** (Fri., 6 p.m., Western) with a 50-episode marathon of the vintage series. "Gunsmoke" ran from 1955 to 1975, and starred James Arness as Marshal Matt Dillon, the lawman of Dodge City, Kan. The series proved so successful that it generated a glut of imitations — at one point, there were 30 Westerns on the three major networks.

AP

WALKING TALL: James Arness' Matt Dillon, right, kept Dodge City safe.

TERROR FROM THE SKIES
PTERODACTYL (Sat., 9 p.m., Sci Fi) Bad monster movies make up for their so-so acting and stilted dialogue with endless opportunities to combine improbable stories, as this prime example proves.

THE FLIGHT OF PRESERVATION
The **SAVE OUR HISTORY** installment "Apollo: The Race Against Time" (Sat., 8 p.m., History) shows how the rockets, spacesuits and other relics of the Apollo program have been allowed to deteriorate and also celebrates efforts to preserve these historic items.

TOGA! TOGA! TOGA!
ROME (Sun., 9 p.m., HBO) The 12-episode series debuts. Ever since Cecil B. DeMille, Roman antiquity has provided filmmakers with an opportunity to expose flesh and explore the jaded sexuality of a decadent culture. "Rome" does not deviate from this time-honored tradition.

LIFE AFTER OLIVER KINDA SUCKS
SLINGS & ARROWS (Sun., 8 p.m., Sundance) Geoffrey finds himself incarcerated and visited by spirits.

'THE P.P.'
Impossibly good-looking teens adjust to life after high school in the new series **PALMETTO POINTE** (Sun., 8 p.m., i). (The Pax network has changed its name to "i.")

CULT CHOICE
A failed screenwriter (William Holden) is lured into the lair of a silent-screen siren (Gloria Swanson) in Billy Wilder's 1950 drama **SUNSET BOULEVARD** (Sun., 10 p.m., TCM).

20TH CENTURY FOX

DAMMIT: Janet feels understandably faint in the "Rocky Horror" household.

SAY IT AIN'T SO, LOIS
On back-to-back episodes of **FAMILY GUY** (Sun., Fox), Lois acts out (8:30 p.m.) and shoplifts (9 p.m.). KEVIN MCDONOUGH (UNITED FEATURE SYNDICATE)

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LOCAL CHANNELS												
WRC 4	News [CC]		NBC Nightly News	Access Hollywood	Dateline NBC [CC]				Crossing Jordan [CC]		News [CC]	Tonight Show
WTTG 5	Seinfeld [CC]	The Simpsons	The Simpsons	Pregame	NFL Preseason Football Pittsburgh Steelers at Washington Redskins. From FedEx Field in Landover, Md. [CC]						News	
WJLA 7	News [CC]	ABC Wld News	Wheel of Fortune	Jeopardy! [CC]	St. Jude's Children's Hospital		Hope & Faith "Wife Swap" [CC]		20/20 [CC]		News [CC]	(:35) Nightline
WUSA 9	News [CC]	CBS News	9News Tonight	Ent. Tonight	60 Minutes II (N) [CC]		The Cut (N) [CC]		NUMB3RS "Sniper Zero" [CC]		News [CC]	Late Show
WDCA 20	Friends [CC]	Every-Raymond	MLB Baseball St. Louis Cardinals at Washington Nationals. From RFK Stadium in Washington, D.C. (Live)						King of the Hill	Dharma & Greg	Girlfriends [CC]	Girlfriends [CC]
WMPT 22	The NewsHour With Jim Lehrer (N)		Business Rpt.	State Circle	Benjamin Franklin "The Chess Master" [CC]			Antiques Road	NOW (N) [CC]	Washington Week	Hank Williams Sr.: Along for the Ride	
WETA 26	BBC World News	Business Rpt.	The NewsHour With Jim Lehrer (N)		Washington Week	NOW (N) [CC]	Mystery: Inspector Lynley Mysteries III			Jrnl Edit. Rpt	Charlie Rose Alicia Keys. [CC]	
WHUT 32	White House	Tavis Smiley	BBC World News	Money Wise [CC]	Evening Exch	Success Stories	History Detectives [CC]		BBC World News	Tavis Smiley	Charlie Rose Alicia Keys. [CC]	
WBDC 50	The Parkers	Steve Harvey	The Parkers	Steve Harvey	What I Like	Blue Collar TV	Reba [CC]	Living With Fran	Will & Grace	Just Shoot Me	Will & Grace	Blind Date [CC]
BASIC CABLE												
A&E	City Confidential: Palm Beach		American Justice: Marriage		Biography "Child Stars II: Growing Up Hollywood" (N) [CC]				Biography "David Koresh" [CC]		American Justice "Murder & Mrs. B."	
Animal	The Crocodile Hunter Diaries [CC]		The Most Extreme [CC]		Animal Icons "Star Wars Creatures"		Animal Cops Houston [CC]		Animal Precinct [CC]		Animal Icons "Star Wars Creatures".	
BET	106 & Park: BET's Top 10 Live Morris Chestnut. (N)			BET.com Count	★★ "Original Gangstas" (1996, Drama) Fred Williamson, Jim Brown.				Classic ComicView		BET After Dark	
Bravo	Situation: Comedy [CC]		Situation: Comedy (N) [CC]		Battle of the Network Reality Stars		★★★ "Independence Day" (1996) Will Smith, Bill Pullman. Survivors band together to repel an alien invasion.					
Comedy	Mad TV [CC]		Distraction [CC]	Com.-Presents	Daily Show	David Brenner: Vengeance		Premium Blend	Com.-Presents	Com.-Presents	Weekends-D.L.	South Park [CC]
Court	Hollywood Heat	Masterminds	Cops [CC]	Cops [CC]	The Investigators		Forensic Files	Forensic Files	Forensic Files	Forensic Files	Masterminds	Smoking Gun TV
Discovery	Monster Garage "Under the Hood"		American Chopper "Mikey's Bike 2"		MythBusters "Brown Note" [CC]		Dirty Jobs "Vexcon" [CC]		Going Tribal [CC]		MythBusters "Brown Note" [CC]	
DISCH	Paramedics "Hoosier Companions"		Trauma: Life in the ER [CC]		Trauma: Life in the ER		Dr. G: Medical Examiner		Critical Hour "Fall Fractures" [CC]		Trauma: Life in the ER	
Disney	Lizzie McGuire	Sister, Sister	That's So Raven	That's So Raven	Kim Possible (N)	Lilo & Stitch (N)	"Kim Possible: A Sitch in Time" (2003) Voices of Christy Carlson Romano.				That's So Raven	That's So Raven
E!	Grls Gone Bad	E! News Special	E! News (N)	The Soup (N)	Filthy Rich: Cattle Drive		Girl Next Door	Girl Next Door	The Soup	E! News Special	Howard Stern	Taradise
FX	Fear Factor [CC]		King of the Hill	King of the Hill	King of the Hill	King of the Hill	King of the Hill	King of the Hill	King of the Hill	King of the Hill	Rescue Me "Brains".	
HGTV	Wknd Warriors	Landscapers	Curb Appeal	House Hunters	Get Color	Mission: Orgnz	Designed to Sell	Design Remix	Divine Design	House Hunters	Debbie Travis' Facelift	
Family	Wildfire "Identity" Kris trains. [CC]		Smallville "Jitters" [CC]		★★ "Cruel Intentions" (1999) Sarah Michelle Gellar, Ryan Phillippe. [CC]				Whose Line?	Whose Line?	The 700 Club [CC]	
History	Search for Noah's Ark		Modern Marvels: Fire and Ice [CC]		Heavy Metal: B-52 Stratofortress		Modern Marvels: B-2 Bomber [CC]		Mail Call "B-2" B-2 Stealth Bomber.		Man Moment Machine [CC]	
Lifetime	The Golden Girls	Golden Palace	"Lies of the Heart: The Story of Laurie Kellogg" (1994) Jennie Garth. [CC]				"Summer of Fear" (1996, Suspense) Gregory Harrison, Corin Nemec. [CC]				Golden Palace	The Golden Girls
MTV	VMA Nominee Videos		Direct Effect		Hard Rock Live	Date My Mom	Date My Mom	Room Raiders	Room Raiders	Room Raiders	Wild & Out	Andy Milonakis
NICK	Amanda	Drake & Josh	Catscratch	Avatar-Last Air	★★ "Jimmy Neutron: Boy Genius" (2001, Adventure)			Jimmy Neutron	Full House [CC]	Fresh Prince	Fresh Prince	The Cosby Show
SCIFI	(5:59) Stargate SG-1 [CC]		(6:59) Firefly "Safe" [CC]		Stargate SG-1 The team intervenes.		Stargate Atlantis "Instinct" (N) [CC]		Battlestar Galactica "Home" (N)		Stargate SG-1 The team intervenes.	
SPIKE	World's Wildest Police Videos [CC]		CSI: Crime Scene Investigation		CSI: Crime Scene Investigation		CSI: Crime Scene Investigation		CSI: Crime Scene Investigation		Super Agent (N)	
TBS	Seinfeld [CC]	Seinfeld [CC]	Every-Raymond	Every-Raymond	MLB Baseball Atlanta Braves at Milwaukee Brewers. From Miller Park in Milwaukee. (Live) [CC]						★★ "Entrapment" (1999) (PA) [CC]	
TLC	Clean Sweep "Viva La Clean Sweep!"		In a Fix Clothing designers. [CC]		The Material World (N)		What Not to Wear "Leona" (N)		What Not to Wear Legal assistant.		The Material World	
TNT	NASCAR Racing: Nextel Cup -- Sharpie 500 Qualifying			Pre-Race Show	NASCAR Racing Busch Series -- Food City 250. (Live) [CC]				★★ "Payback" (1999, Suspense) Mel Gibson, Gregg Henry. [CC] (DVS)			
USA	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit		Law & Order: Special Victims Unit		Law & Order: Special Victims Unit		Law & Order: Special Victims Unit		Monk "Mr. Monk and Little Monk"		Law & Order: Special Victims Unit	
VH1	Top 20 Countdown (N)				40 Least Metal Moments				Tommy Lee	Gene Simmons	Caught on Tape	
SPAN.												
TELEM	Sala de Parejas	Noti-Telemndo	Amarte Asi		El Cuerpo del Deseo		Los Plateados		El Principe Azul		Noticiero Tel.	Boxeo Telemundo
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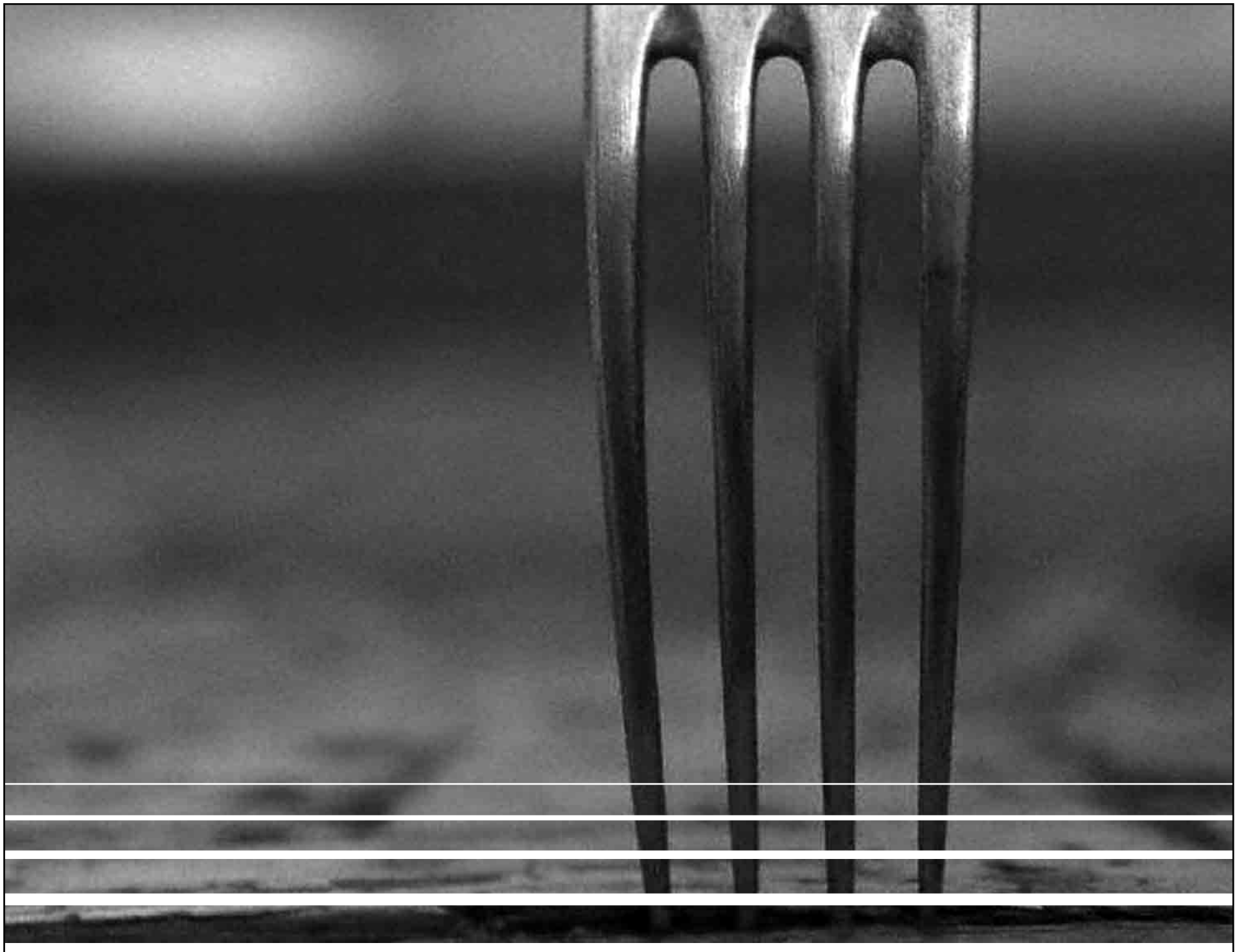
SPORTS												
ESPN	SportsCenter (Live) [CC]		College Gameday Season Preview		City Slam		City Slam		Baseball Tonight (Live) [CC]		SportsCenter (Live) [CC]	
ESPN2	ESPN Hollywood	Quite Frankly With Stephen A. Smith		Tennis U.S. Open Series -- Women's Pilot Pen Semifinal.			Boxing Friday Night Fights -- Tom Davis vs. Oscar Diaz. (Live) [CC]				Karate: ISKA	Karate: ISKA
CSN	Baseball Report	SportsNite (Live) [CC]		Ravens Kickoff	NFL Preseason Football Baltimore Ravens at New Orleans Saints. From the Louisiana Superdome in New Orleans.						SportsNite [CC]	
NEWS												
CNN	Lou Dobbs Tonight [CC]		Anderson Cooper 360 [CC]		Paula Zahn Now [CC]		Larry King Live [CC]		NewsNight With Aaron Brown [CC]		Lou Dobbs Tonight	
FNC	Special Report (Live) [CC]		The Fox Report With Shepard Smith		The O'Reilly Factor (Live) [CC]		Hannity & Colmes (Live) [CC]		On the Record-Van Susteren		The O'Reilly Factor	
MSNBC	The Abrams Report		Hardball [CC]		Countdown With Keith Olbermann		Rita Cosby Live & Direct		Scarborough Country		The Situation With Tucker Carlson	
MOVIES												
AMC	(5:15) ★★★ "Silverado" (1985, Western) Kevin Kline, Scott Glenn. 'PG-13'				★★ "A View to a Kill" (1985, Adventure) Roger Moore, Christopher Walken. Premiere. 'PG'					(:45) ★★ "A View to a Kill" (1985) Roger Moore. 'PG'		
TCM	★★ "Virginia City" (1940, Western) Errol Flynn, Miriam Hopkins. 'NR' [CC]				★★ "Trail Street" (1947, Western) Randolph Scott. 'NR'			★★★ "The Desperadoes" (1943) Glenn Ford. 'NR'			★★★ "Western Union" (1941) 'NR'.	
HBO	D3: Mighty	Classical Baby 2	★★★ "Ray" (2004) Jamie Foxx. Ray Charles overcomes hardships to become a legend. 'PG-13'					Six Feet Under "Everyone's Waiting" Beginning to heal.			Real Time (S Live) [CC]	
MAX	Down With Love	★★ "Secret Window" (2004) Johnny Depp. 'PG-13' [CC]			(:15) ★★ "Tango & Cash" (1989, Drama) Sylvester Stallone. 'R' [CC]				★★ "50 First Dates" (2004) Adam Sandler. 'PG-13' [CC]			(:40) Hot Line
SHOW	(:15) ★★ "Phantoms" (1998, Horror) Peter O'Toole. iTV. 'R' [CC]				★★ "The Prince & Me" (2004) Julia Stiles, Luke Mably. iTV. 'PG' [CC]				Weeds (iTV)	Weeds (iTV)	★ "National Lampoon's Dorm Daze"	
TMC	★★ "Timeline" (2003, Fantasy) Paul Walker, Gerard Butler. 'PG-13' [CC]				"The Shaft" (2001, Suspense) James Marshall, Naomi Watts. 'R' [CC]				★★ "Jeepers Creepers 2" (2003) Ray Wise. 'R' [CC]			Ash Wednesday
STARZ!	(5:40) ★ "D2: The Mighty Ducks" (1994) Emilio Estevez.			★★ "Spy Kids 3: Game Over" (2003) Antonio Banderas.			★★ "Hidalgo" (2004) Viggo Mortensen. A Westerner races a horse across the Arabian desert.					(:20) Mr. 3000 [CC]
ENCORE	(:05) ★★ "FX2" (1991, Adventure) Bryan Brown, Brian Dennehy. 'PG-13'				★★★ "The Rocky Horror Picture Show" (1975) 'R' [CC]			(:45) Midnight Movies [CC]			"The Rocky Horror Picture Show" 'R'	



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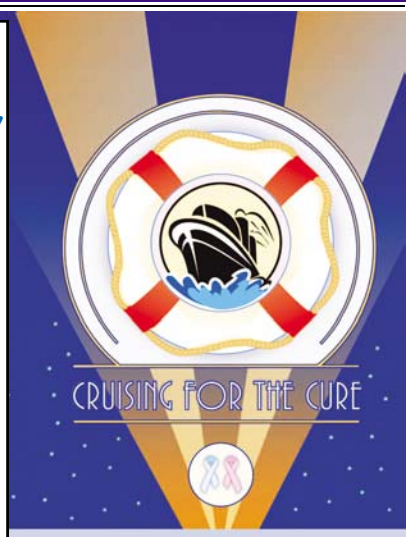

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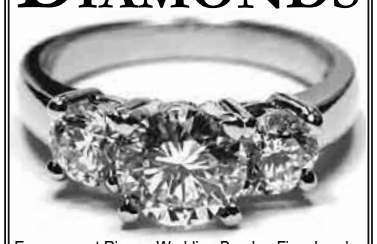

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ONE CLASSY PROFESSOR: Cathy Small went back to school to experience life as a freshman and improve her teaching.

Class Actions

Education

An anthropologist relives the life of a college freshman

As a professor at Northern Arizona University, Cathy Small was baffled by undergraduates. They seemed less engaged, less likely to do assigned reading and more likely to ask questions like "Do you want it double-spaced?" So she decided to study them as anthropologists research any foreign culture — she lived among them.

After moving into a dorm, eating cafeteria food and struggling with a five-course schedule, the 50-something Small said she empathized with students who struggle to balance chaotic class and work schedules. Small wrote a book on her research under the pseudonym Rebekah Nathan called "My Freshman Year: What a Professor Learned by Becoming a Student."

Small took a sabbatical and spent the 2002-2003 school year conducting her research. With approval from the university's research board, she used her high school transcript to get admitted and moved into a dorm — though she did forgo the roommate experience by getting a single room.

> "It was kind of nerdy [when I was in college] to talk about careers ... now, different things are nerdy."
>
> —CATHY SMALL, NORTHERN ARIZONA UNIVERSITY

Small spent the first semester taking classes outside her field of expertise, trying to immerse herself in student life. She didn't go to her Flagstaff home and didn't contact regular friends, trying to experience the loneliness and other travails of freshman life. During her second semester, she did more formal interviews and focused on the research, which she published without identifying students or the university, although it eventually was outed by the media.

Small said she found that students downplayed publicly the effort they put into assigned reading or papers, but when interviewed, many said they were interested in their course work.

Part of the trick to college life, she learned from good students, was being able to quickly decipher what work needed to be done and what could be skipped. Those management skills helped students balance classes, part-time work and involvement in volunteer or professional groups, Small said.

She found some of the coursework tough and had to seek tutoring for a class far outside her field of study. "It was a hectic life," she said.

Small also said she found current undergraduates faced more pressure to pick a major that readily translated into a job that could pay off student loans.

Travis Shumake, student body president and a senior at NAU's School of Hotel and Restaurant Management, said he sees that all the time — students choosing his program because it provides the "fastest results at the highest income."

Small said her generation wasn't as career-oriented in college.

"It was an era of anti-materialism. It was kind of nerdy then to talk about careers," she said. "Now, different things are nerdy."

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Personal Finance

Parents involved in managing their kids' money help and hurt

Nishank Khanna, CEO of his own online-coupon Web site, knows how to make money. But the 23-year-old doesn't know how to manage it yet.

That's where his dad comes in. He controls "pretty much everything, from personal finances to business finances," Khanna said.

Running Undertag.com and living in his own apartment in Queens, N.Y., Khanna is more independent than many people his age. Still, he knows he has a lot to learn before he can take over the reins from his dad, who emigrated from India in 1973 with few assets and became a mutual fund manager.

AP

FINANCIAL SECURITY: Nishank Khanna relies on his dad to be his financial manager.

"Let's say tomorrow he just stops doing it. I wouldn't know how to file my taxes or anything. I don't even know where some of my money is," said Khanna, who plans to hire an accountant in a few years to replace his dad.

It's only natural for parents to want to protect their kids' money, but when should they stop? It's a tough decision — the transition to financial independence is difficult these days, as surging home prices, education costs, credit card debt and job competition leave many young adults in a lurch.

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>
> **NISHANK KHANNA**
> CEO,, UNDERTAG.COM, QUEENS, N.Y.

So how do parents let go? When children enter the working world, parents don't need to suddenly sever all financial ties. Becoming fiscally independent often takes a series of steps, depending on the child's maturity level — not to mention assets, income and debt.

One step is establishing boundaries. If a young adult needs money to pay off credit card debt or make a down payment on a house, it's OK to ask a parent for a loan — as long as the parent can afford to, and as long as the terms of the loan are clear.

If parents want to loan their children money, a good way to do it is by setting up a matching system, where the parent pays only as much money as the child contributes, John Gallo said. This way, a parent can help their child become debt-free more quickly, but the child is ultimately responsible.

Another step is encouraging grown children to come up with their own financial objectives. Young adults must realize that whoever makes decisions about their money makes decisions about their life.

It's detrimental for a parent to control adult children's money without involving them at all in the decision-making, experts say, but it can be helpful to give advice — as long as the advice is educated and solicited. MADLEN READ (AP)

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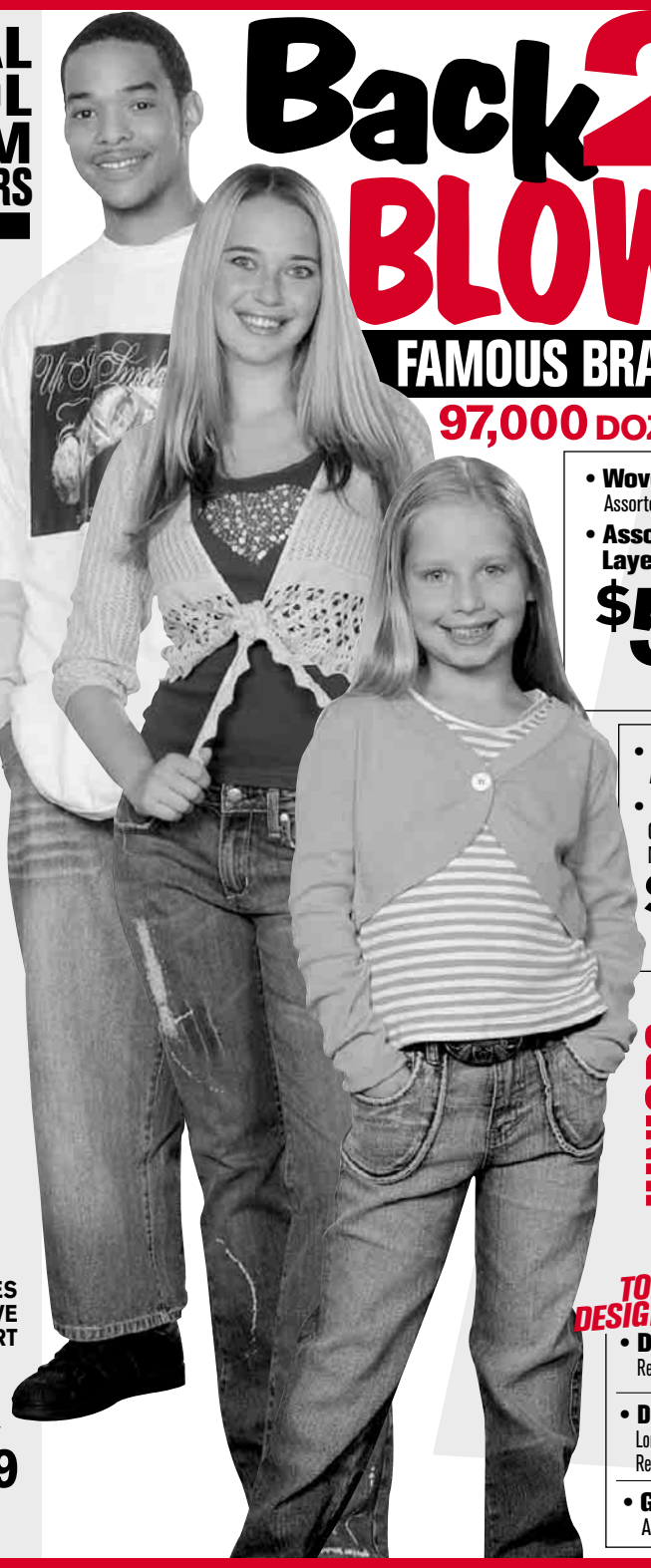

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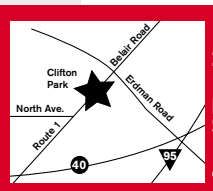

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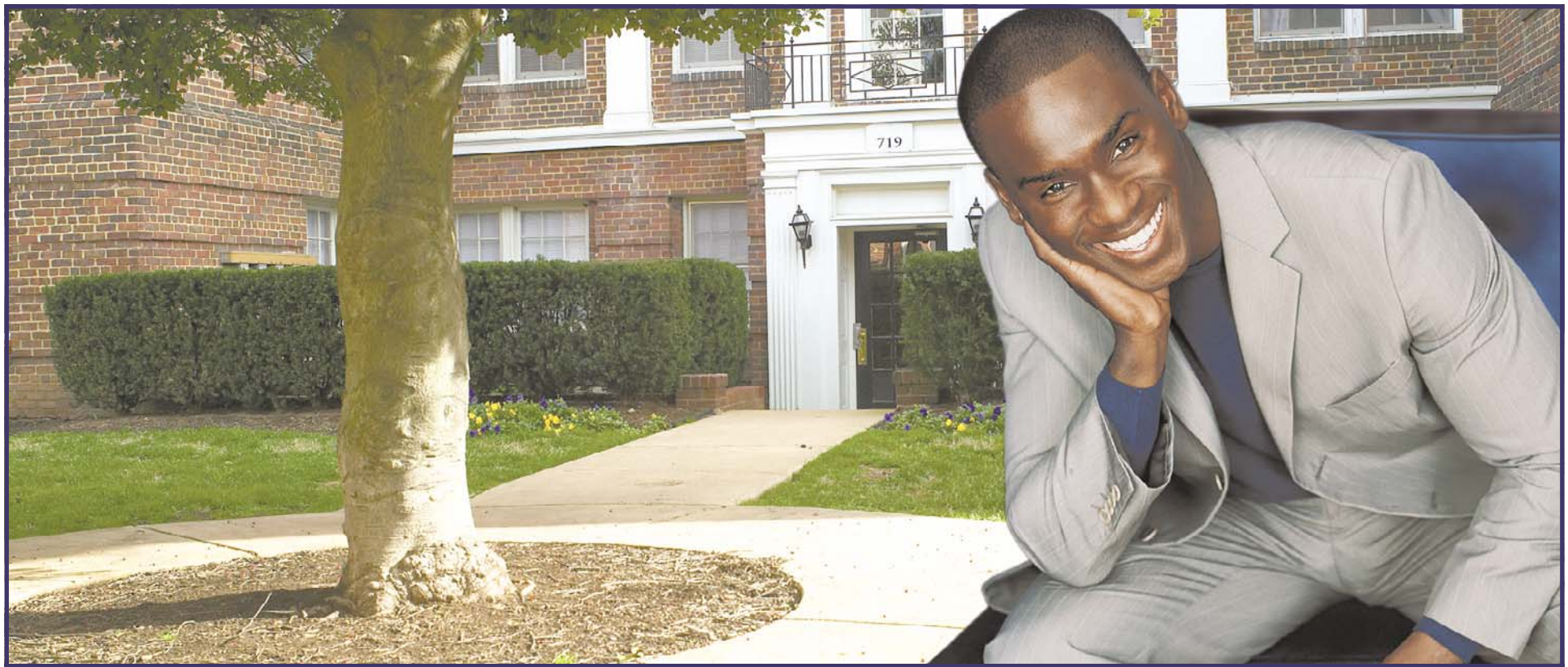

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Back to School

Styles | Look out

Crack the dress code

Runway chic for school uniforms

AREA TEENS ARE ABOUT TO HIT THE books and, in some cases, must control their unruly looks. Think wearing a school uniform is a drag? Psshah! Runways from Paris to New York are featuring styles inspired by the very uniforms that many teens groan about wearing everyday. We hit up Teen Vogue fashion market director Gloria Baume and local students for tips on how you can look unique without getting detention. Cliff's notes below.

COLOR BETWEEN THE LINES: If you're doomed to wear a plaid skirt, grab a couple highlighters and color between your skirt's lines, said Holton-Arms freshman Ashley Vuturo. It'll give you a little flava, and will keep you occupied during a history lesson.

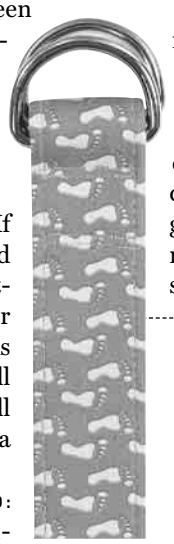
COLOR YOURSELF BOLD: "I've worn neon pink spandex under my skirt down to my knee," said Vuturo. Girls aren't the only ones embracing bright ideas. Required to wear a jacket? Make it orange corduroy. Dress pants? Go for lime green. A button-down shirt? Try out a Hawaiian lady pattern.

BELT IT OUT: If belts are required for guys, look for waistbands so preppy they border on ridiculous. "My friend has one that has an elephant drinking out of a martini glass," said Landon sophomore Brian Kelly. He himself wears a footprint-patterned number from Vineyard Vines (vineyardvines.com).

BE AN UPTIGHT NERD: Baume says there's nothing hauter than buttoning up a blouse an extra notch, wearing some pearls and throwing a cardigan over your shoulders. "You don't need to stray so far to look chic right now because the nerdy look is what people are looking for," she said.

SWEET FEET: As it gets colder, ladies, nothing's hotter than a pair of boots under your skirt. "The classic riding boot — very clean and flat — and the slouchy boot — the soft leather boot that goes down a little bit — will be big this season," said Baume.

SOCK IT TO YA: Another way to have kickin' stems is sweet socks. Baume suggests a short, red-and-white-checked pair layered over some thicker threads. Or try lacey socks with patent-leather heels. And boys? How 'bout just wearing a fresh pair ... daily? KRIS CORONADO



BAREFOOT IN THE GRASS This D-ring belt adds quirk to a classic look. (**$35, VINEYARD VINES**)

LIGHT BRIGHT Ashley Vuturo peps up her prep with highlighter patterns on her skirt and polka-dotted spandex shorts beneath it. She's got neon pink shorts, too.

Pop Quiz: What Did We Learn? Incorporating teenagers' fashion choices into an adult wardrobe is a scary prospect, bringing to mind the Vice President of Human Resources in head-to-toe body glitter. Prep-school students, however, have figured out how to show personality in a conservative environment — a

worthy goal for any cubicle warrior. Keeping the quirk subtle with offbeat details (like an ultra-preppy belt or big beads) lets your personality shine without risking a pink slip. Speaking of pink, don't fear color: A navy-and-white ensemble looks blah, but bright shoes or a purse make it breathtaking. KRISTEN PAGE-KIRBY (EXPRESS)

Hair

Instructions Are There for a Reason

Anybody can test a product by following the directions; sometimes, you've just got to push the limits. Though the directions for **L'OREAL COLOR PULSE** semi-permanent mousse-dye clearly state that the stuff shouldn't be used with bleached or very light hair, we did both. After 45 shampoos (8 to 10 is all it should take if used properly), the light-blonde's hair is still "Funky Cherry," though it's lightened to a subtle coral. And the highlighted-blonde's hair is still pink after two weeks. The obedient brunette tester was entirely happy, though: It doesn't stain the skin, smells good and makes hair shiny. HOLLY J. MORRIS (EXPRESS)

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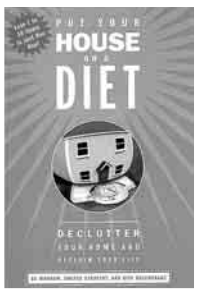
Stop It From Eating After 8 P.M.



We assumed that it might have recipes for low-carb paint, but **PUT YOUR HOUSE ON A DIET** ($18) argues that clutter is to a house as love handles are to your pants. The hints range from common sense (make your bed every day) to insane (install a dumbwaiter to transport laundry from floor to floor). Many of the tips are helpful, especially the section covering kids, and the book's nonthreatening style makes many of the suggestions seem doable. The only catch is that the book doesn't cover exactly how to get your husband to toss at least 50 of his 237 T-shirts or how to handle the psychological damage caused by saying goodbye to your sixth-grade pottery project. K.P.K

Look out | Voices

PBS | 'Invisible Man'

Producer **AVON KIRKLAND** and critic **STANLEY CROUCH** were online Thursday to discuss "Ralph Ellison: An American Journey," airing all weekend | **washingtonpost.com**

Has "Invisible Man" been the greatest work of African- American literature of the 20th century?

CROUCH: I wouldn't say that it is the greatest work of fiction of the 20th century, but I would say it is one of them because it captures the sensibility of an extremely intelligent individual from his skin inward and his skin outward. ...

What was it, in your mind, that made "Invisible Man" so extraordinary?

KIRKLAND: For one, Ellison's depiction of black people as not just victims but pro-active, intelligent people who even under oppression fashioned a culture for themselves that has enriched and made more vital American culture.

Why do you think Ellison shirked what some thought was his responsibility to be an activist?

CROUCH: He was an activist. He just wasn't a loudmouth activist. He was an adviser to Lyndon Johnson. He was one of the people who helped develop public television. But he tended, from what I can tell, to first and foremost be a writer. ...

Ellison seems like Walt Whitman or Sam Clemens, a man who loved the people of America, but maybe not the country as a whole.

CROUCH: I think that he has a quarrel with the various levels of bigotry that were established ... At the same time I think he could see the surging energy and invention that makes America what it is. ...

Do you think the protagonist in "Invisible Man" mirrors Ellison?

CROUCH: No. He didn't have that experience on the campus. When he went in the Communist Party he didn't have the experience the narrator had. Ellison was a very gifted writer, so I don't think it's that far out to imagine that he imagined what he imagined.

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11 A.M.: Brendan Bell of the Sierra Club's energy program discusses tightening fuel economy standards.

Letters

Gary Is Better Than 'Apple'

WHAT'S UP WITH THOSE five potential panda names ("Public to Pick Name for Panda," Aug. 25)? How does "Hua Sheng" mean "China Washington"? Washington doesn't "mean" anything — the word doesn't translate. And "Long Shan," meaning "dragon mountain"? It's a panda, for crying out loud! It's not from Komodo. And I know the pandas came from China, but this one was born in the U.S. — so why didn't FONZ suggest one or two more American names? Personally, I think they should just name it "Gary" and get it over with. It looks like a Gary to me.

—WES DENNIS
Laurel, Md.

You'll Always Be Butterstick

THE NAME CHOICES for the panda cub are just terrible. I was growing quite affectionate about the name "Butterstick" and would have also tolerated "Bling-Bling." Why can't the zoo have some fun and name the panda something unique and (gasp!) American? I know that having the cub is a serious event, but no matter what they name the cub, it will always be Butterstick to me. Plus, where is the option for write-in votes? Give the people what they want!

—ROMAN NAPOLI
Alexandria, Va.

Corrections:

Thursday's Weekend Pass gave incorrect information about the movie "The Ninth Day." The film closed this week. Also, a story in Thursday's Local section incorrectly identified the National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency.

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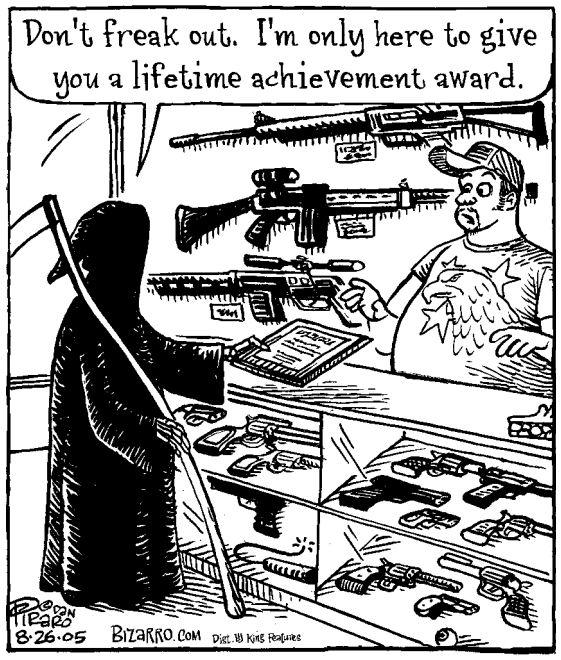

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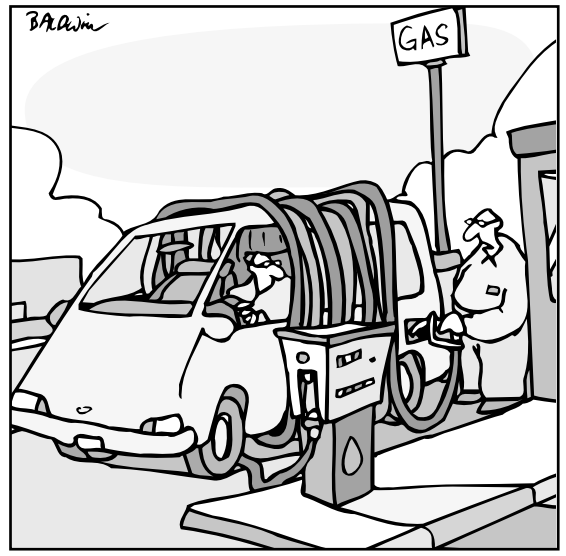

"You wouldn't believe how many people try to drive away without paying."

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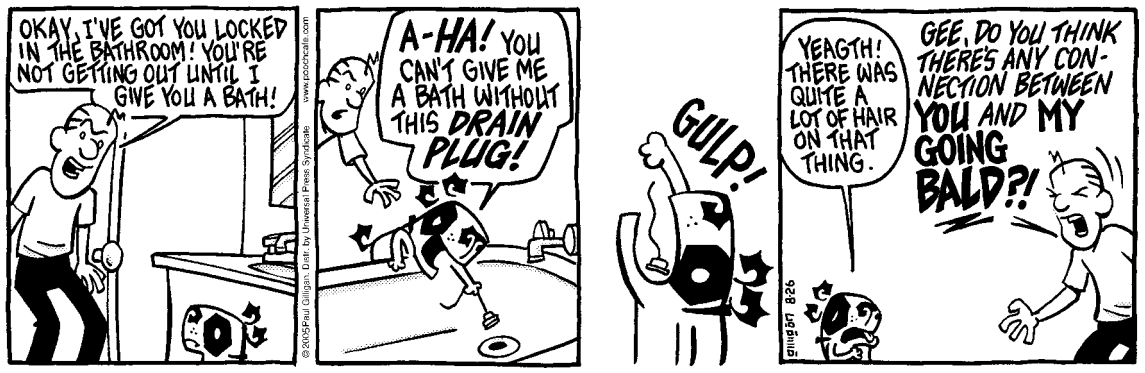

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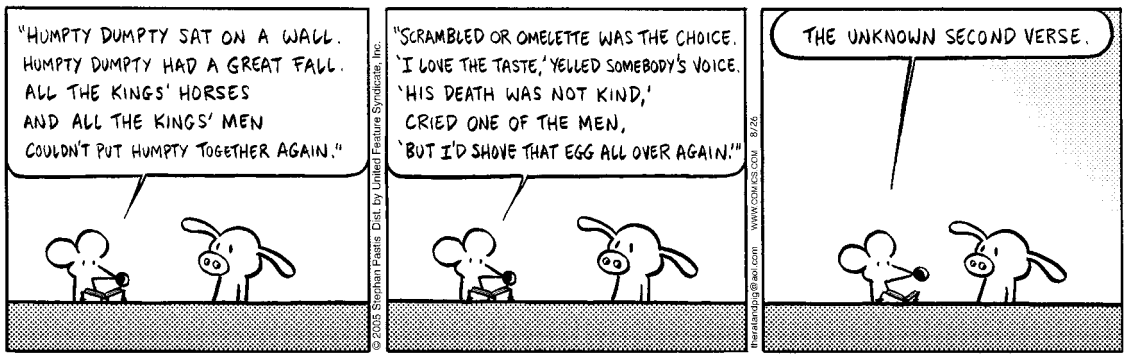

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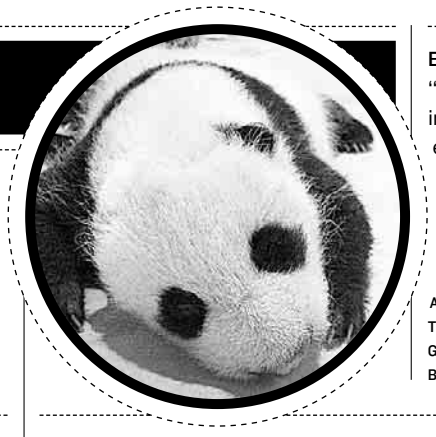

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"Lay down the law, Mayor Willams. Ha! Ha! Heck, if I wasn't a Libertarian, and I didn't like how he kissed rich people's ass[es], I'd vote for the guy!"

ANACOSTIADIARIES.BLOGSPOT.COM GETS SNARKY ABOUT D.C. MAYOR ANTHONY WILLIAMS' NEW BLOG.

MADAME TUSSAUD MODEL?

"Okay, first of all, I am so over Jessica Simpson. Has no one noticed that, over the course of the past two years, she has morphed into an actual WAX FIGURINE?"

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BUTTERSTICK 1

"So now we just have to write somebody in government and let them know this travesty! I demand my democratic right to vote to name the panda Butterstick! I mean, it'd be funny if they'd at least written about it. Instead, they just ignore it."

A COMMENTER ON **ZUNTA.ORG/BLOG** FEELS THE NATIONAL ZOO SHOULD ACKNOWLEDGE GRASSROOTS SUPPORT FOR NAMING THE BABY PANDA "BUTTERSTICK."

BUTTERSTICK 2

"Does anyone else think that Mei Xiang looks like an obese lady, and Butterstick looks like a ferret?"

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Horoscope

By Stella Wilder

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Put your best foot forward. Don't concentrate so much on rewards, but on the process itself. Growth comes from introspection.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) Some may not take your hefty credentials seriously. Don't be surprised if you have to prove yourself in some way.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) Take care that you aren't too obvious as you approach others for support. Getting assistance will require a clever, subtle approach.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) You may encounter difficulty if you keep trying to get someone else to change his ways without making any attempt at a compromise.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Concentrate on both quality and quantity to maximize your own personal gains. Don't be stingy with others during the evening.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) A long and difficult period of uncertainty is drawing to a close at last. You may feel as though a great weight has been lifted.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) Don't stop to think about how far you've come until you've reached your destination. Now is not the time to pause for any reason.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) You may be thinking a little too much of your own welfare, rather than concentrating on those who are looking up to you.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) You may have to take advantage of the help that is offered to you before the day is out. Use any advice you get as creatively as you can.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Don't respond to anything with your emotions running on high; steer clear of anything that seems extreme in any direction.

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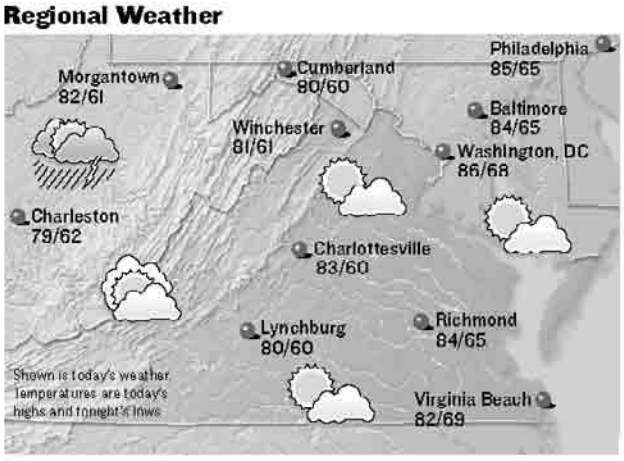

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Normal year to date	25.57"

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Sunrise today	6:32 a.m.
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Moonset today	2:25 p.m.

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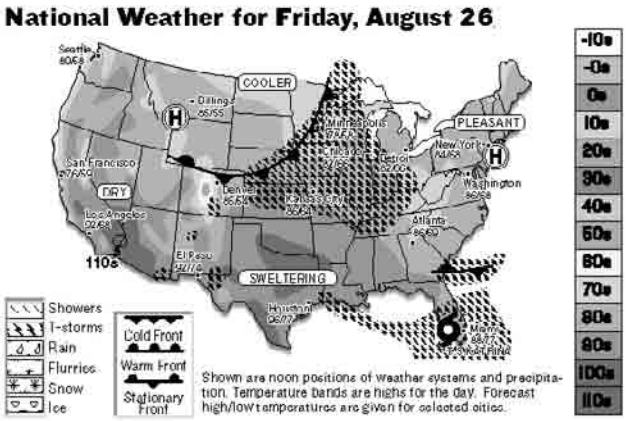

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Dallas	102/80/s	100/76/pc
Denver	85/54/s	87/56/s
Honolulu	88/74/sh	89/74/sh
Los Angeles	92/68/s	88/66/s
Miami	88/77/r	88/76/r
New York City	84/68/s	84/70/pc
Orlando	86/78/r	85/77/r
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s-sunny, pc-partly cloudy, c-cloudy, sh-showers, t-thunderstorms, r-rain, sf-snow flurries, sn-snow, i-ice

Look out | People

MICHAEL CAULFIELD/AP

How tacky — Bjork's tattoos AND her bra are showing through her gown!

FLASHBACKS

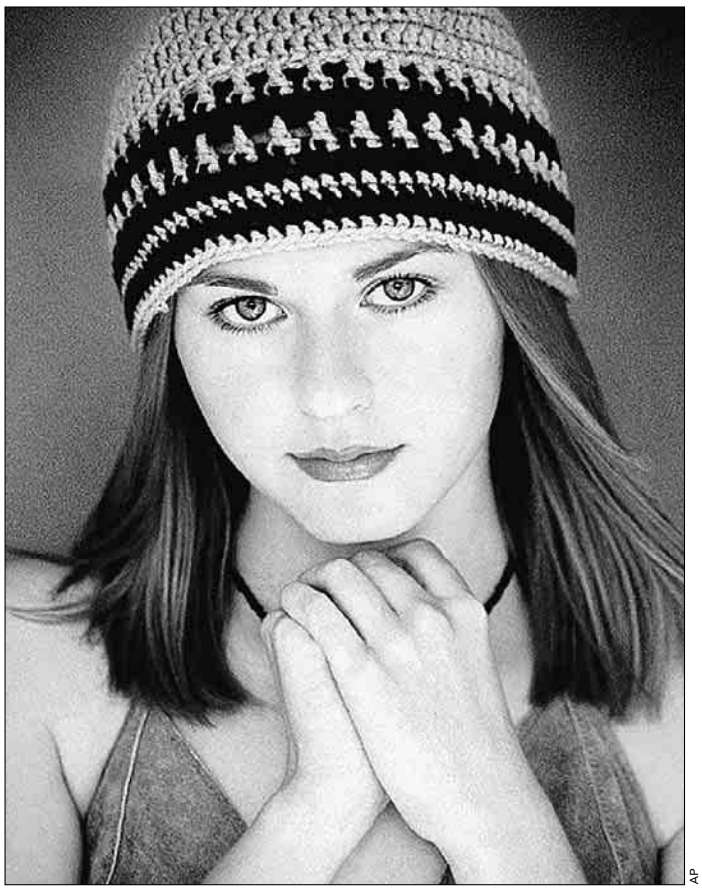
Big Bird Called. He Wants His Wife Back

International aid agency Oxfam said Thursday that **BJORK**'s swan dress, which the Icelandic songstress wore to the 2001 Oscars ceremony, is among more than 150 celebrity fashion items to be auctioned on eBay next month. (AP)

BAD HABITS

The Spittoon Industy Gears Up for a Serious Comeback

The Tennessee attorney general wants the singer of "Redneck Woman" to stop "glamorizing" the use of chewing tobacco. **GRETCHEN WILSON** can be seen on concert jumbo screens pulling a can of Skoal from her pocket while performing the new song "Skoal Ring." The title refers to the wear mark left by carrying a can of chewing tobacco in a pocket of blue jeans. (AP)



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FALSE ALARMS

She Is So Very, Very Grounded

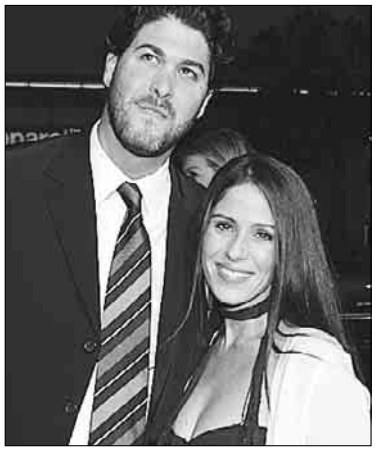
SCOUT TAYLOR-COMPTON, star of the 2004 teen comedy "Sleepover," was reunited with her family Thursday, two weeks after she went missing. San Bernardino County, Calif., police learned of her whereabouts — a friend's house — from school officials Thursday and returned Taylor-Compton to her family, said police spokeswoman Jodie Miller. "She seems to be unharmed, no evidence of any criminal activity during the time she was missing," Miller said. She appeared to be a runaway. (AP)

IT GIRLS

Even Her 911 Call Is Sexy And Wise, Yet Innocent

Her 911 was riveting, nubile and voluptuous.

Actress **SCARLETT JOHANSSON** remained calm after a minor car accident while trying to duck paparazzi near Disneyland this past week, according to a tape of her 911 call. "Hi, we've just gotten into an accident," she told the dispatcher. "Unfortunately we have a bunch of paparazzi cars also following us." No one was hurt in the Aug. 18 accident. Johansson clipped a car carrying a woman and her two daughters. "About the media," the dispatcher asked Johansson. "Are they starting to cause problems?" "They've pulled all around us," she replied, "waiting for us to ..." "Gotcha," the dispatcher responded. (AP)



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When viewed together, the two couples make an impenetrable wall of brunette.

BABIES

Poet and Shepherd Can Go on Pastoral Play Dates

JERRY SEINFELD and his wife, **JESSICA**, have a new addition to the family. A son, Shepherd Kellen Seinfeld, was born Monday morning, Seinfeld's publicist, Stephen Rubenstein, said Thursday. The couple, who were married in 1999, have a 2-year-old son, Julian, and a 4-year-old daughter, Sascha. "Jerry and Jessica are both thrilled," said Rubenstein. "The baby is great; they are all home now." Meanwhile, **SOLEIL MOON FRYE**, best known for her starring role on "Punky Brewster," and husband **JASON GOLDBERG** have welcomed their first child, Poet Sienna Rose Goldberg. Their daughter was born Wednesday in Los Angeles. The baby weighed 7 pounds, 13 ounces, and is 19 inches long, People magazine reported. (AP)

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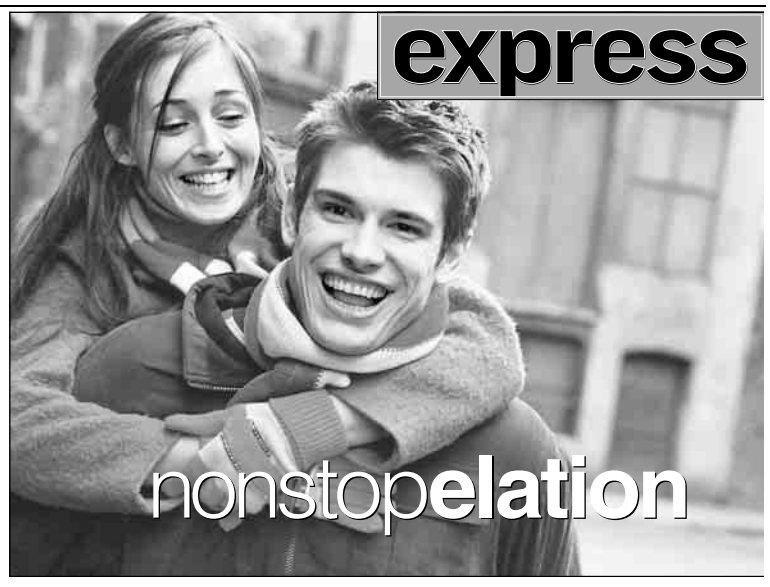

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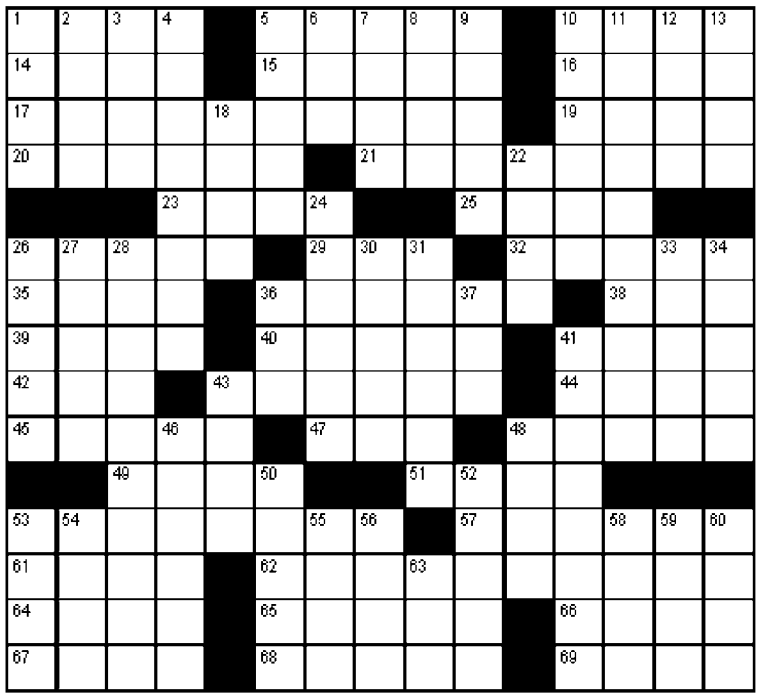

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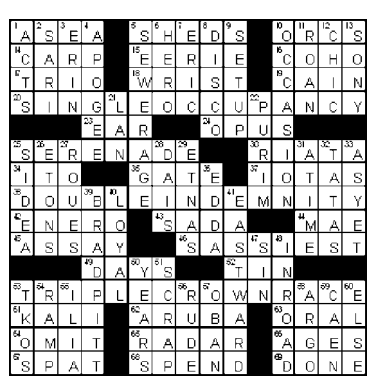

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Yesterday's Solution

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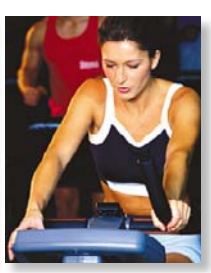

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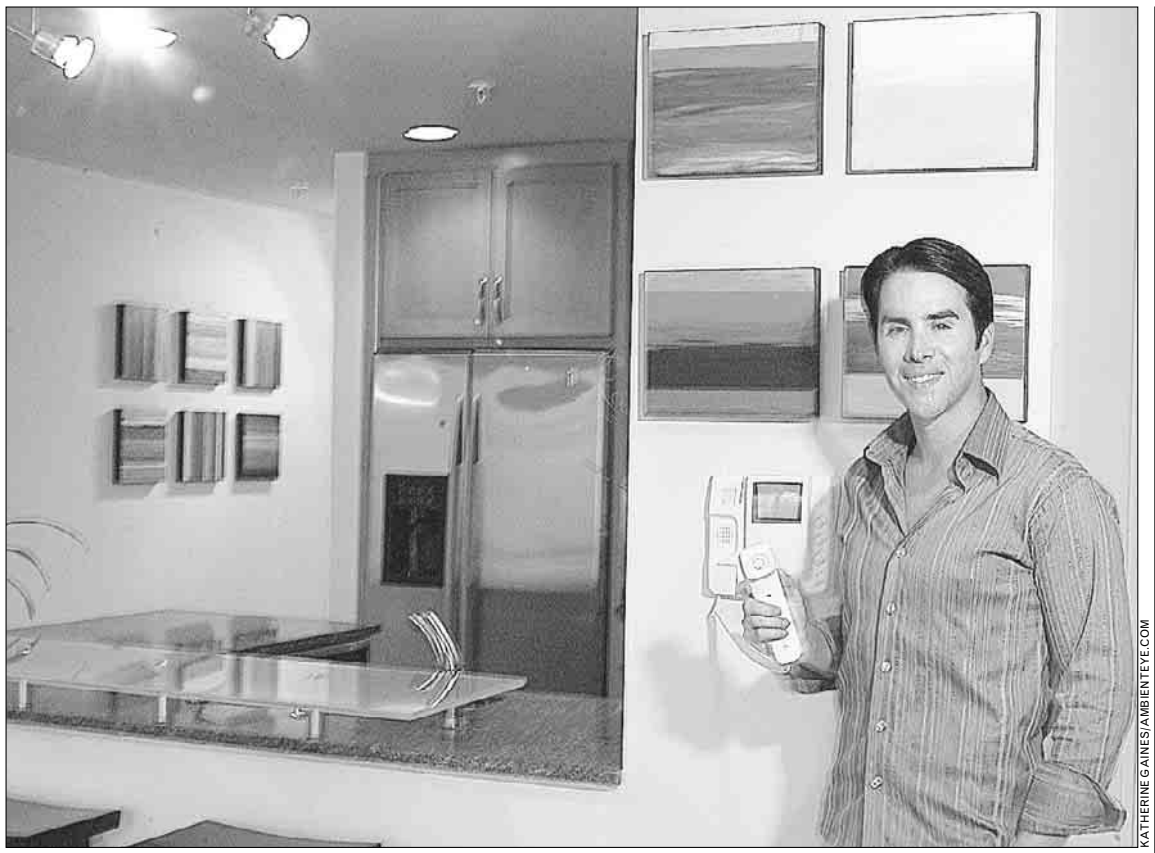
High-tech perks lure buyers to fancy new condo developments

Privacy is scarce in condominiums, especially in D.C.'s crowded communities. But for WTTG-Fox 5 Weekend Anchor Will Thomas, privacy is non-negotiable. So, he snapped up a $450,000 two-bedroom, two-bathroom unit when he learned it would come with complimentary videophone access control and a fenced-in patio.

Columbia Heights' Villaggio condos, now sold-out, came standard with multimedia networks, videophones and monitored alarm systems. For an additional fee, developer Bogdan Builders could have pre-installed 42-inch high-definition plasma televisions, too.

With the videophone, Thomas can screen, see and speak to visitors on a 5-inch TV screen set into the base of the phone. The gadget also electronically unlocks the door. And he easily arranged to have Bogdan enclose his 600-square-foot patio with fencing and a Plexiglass privacy screen.



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Anchor Will Thomas' Villaggio condo came with a videophone access system, so he can both see and hear who's at his door.

Increasingly, newly constructed high-end condos are luring buyers with unusual high-tech features that go far beyond stainless-steel appliances. Developers are throwing in multimedia network systems, plasma televisions, smart-home technology and other special touches as basic amenities.

While the condo market is still hot, many real-estate pros say it's the developers who've sprinkled their portfolios with distinctive goodies who will surpass competitors when the market tightens. "The one perk that is automatic right now with almost all new-construction developers is the wiring in the house" for sound, voice and data, said Mounir Badawy, a Realtor at ReMax Distinctive in McLean.

Smart-home technology will be the next staple, he said. Smart technology automates household systems with, for example, self-adjusting air

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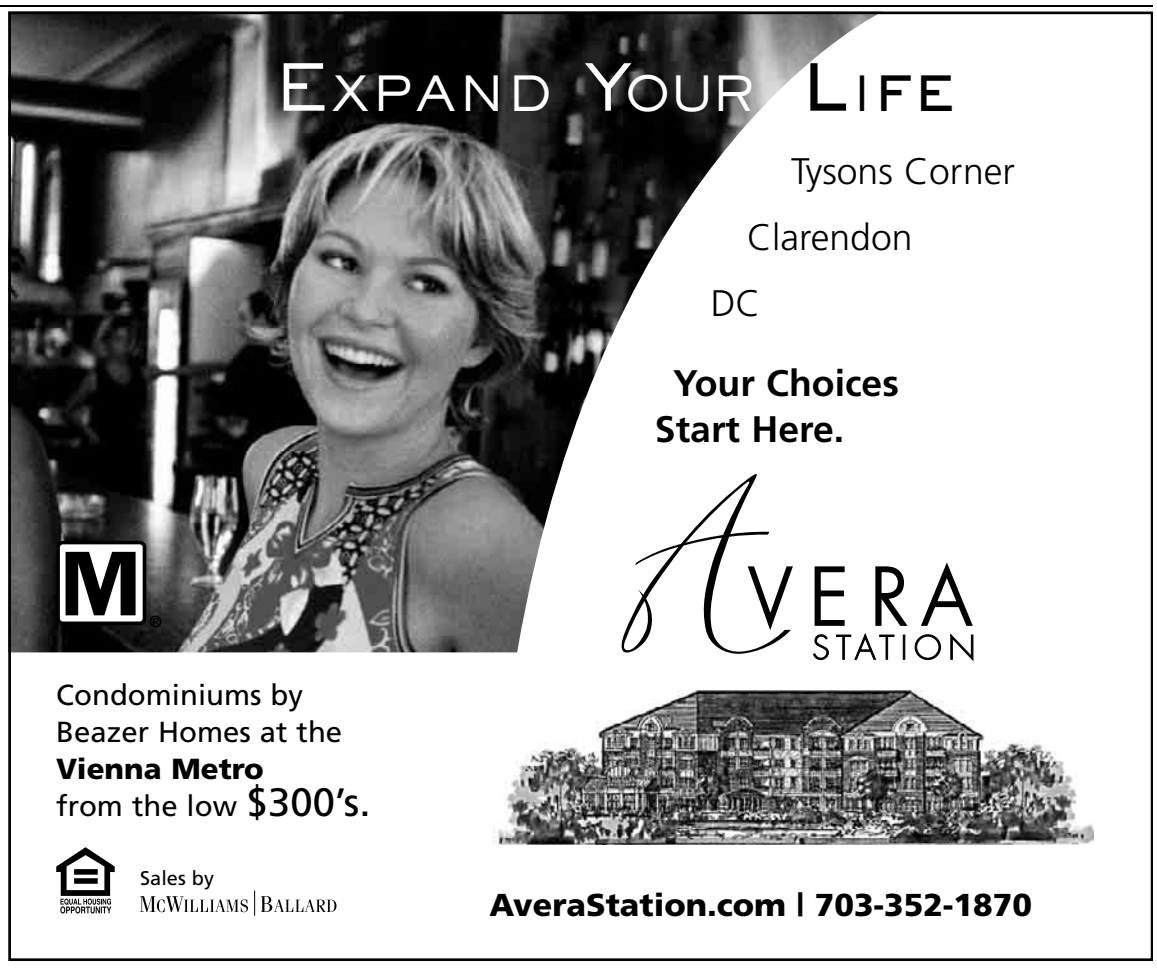

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High-Tech Home

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conditioning, programmable lighting and motion-detector activated music selection. "Imagine if you had a house and you couldn't put electricity into the property. These features are becoming equivalent to that," said Badawy.

Vendors say affordable automated appliances will hit the home accessory market this year, setting the stage for widespread adoption in condos by 2008.

For the past two decades, builders either had to spend $40,000 to $100,000 to network homes with dedicated wall-to-wall wiring or condo owners had to configure their own systems, said Ken Fairbanks, director of business development for catalog company SmartHome. "The smart-home has been kind of relegated to the rich and famous, Bill Gates homes. The other side has been the kind of ... geek," he said. "That is about to change."

Smart appliances that communicate using existing electrical wiring in the home will appear in 2006, Fairbanks said. "They do not require any pre-wiring. A builder would just have to put a different light switch in, not a different wire." A smart light switch costs under $50; it could, say, turn on the kitchen lights when you open the garage door.

Creativity abounds in the smart home. A smart microwave with a bar code scanner can read the brand label off a popcorn box and program itself to heat for five minutes. Smart blinds optimize sunlight, slashing energy costs. A washer can send a text message or blink the house lights when its cycle is complete.

Steve Gerber, Bogdan Builders' vice president of production, also expects smart technology to flower in upscale condos. "Building these higher-quality units gives you staying power," he said. In October, Bogdan will deliver another Columbia Heights complex, the Ivy at Harvard. Each unit will also come standard with a videophone, security system and multimedia network.

Already, upscale ventures are marketing smart-home technology as a perk. Hopkins Row, a 25-unit property in Baltimore, boasts a smart connection center that regulates all electronic appliances from one control panel in the utility closet.

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The Southerland on 16th Street NW comes standard with smart-home wiring.

The condos go on sale in 2006.

"The control panel is like an electric breaker box with Ethernet connections, security cameras, cable, satellite, home theater, etc.," said Michael Goss, managing partner at Baltimore-based Ricco Design and Development , the firm launching Hopkins Row.

Another extraordinary trimming at Hopkins Row is a little contraption that scans your index finger to unlock the front door. The thingamajig, known as biometric keyless access, searches a database of pre-registered fingerprints. Condo owners can enroll prints of family, friends, housekeepers and other regular visitors. "You don't have to worry about children losing keys," said Goss.

The Southerland Condominium (1629 16th St. NW) has almost sold out of its smart home-enabled units. The remaining $2.3 million penthouse unit contains a steam room and heated floors, in addition to the smart home pre-wiring. Dita Bittenbender, marketing manager for Southerland developer Ken Taylor Real Estate, said the condos target the more discriminating buyer. "We have a lot of afflu-

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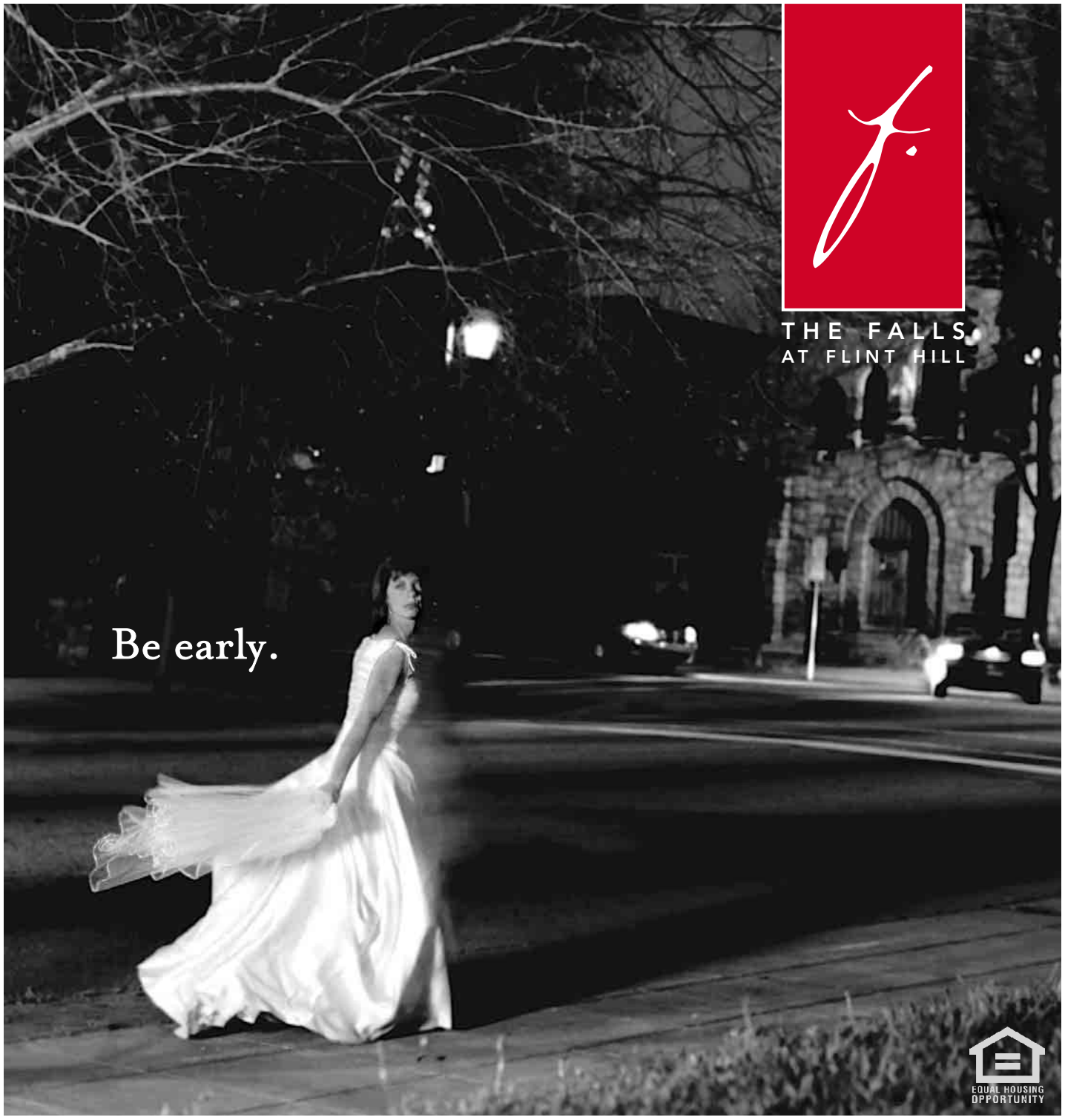

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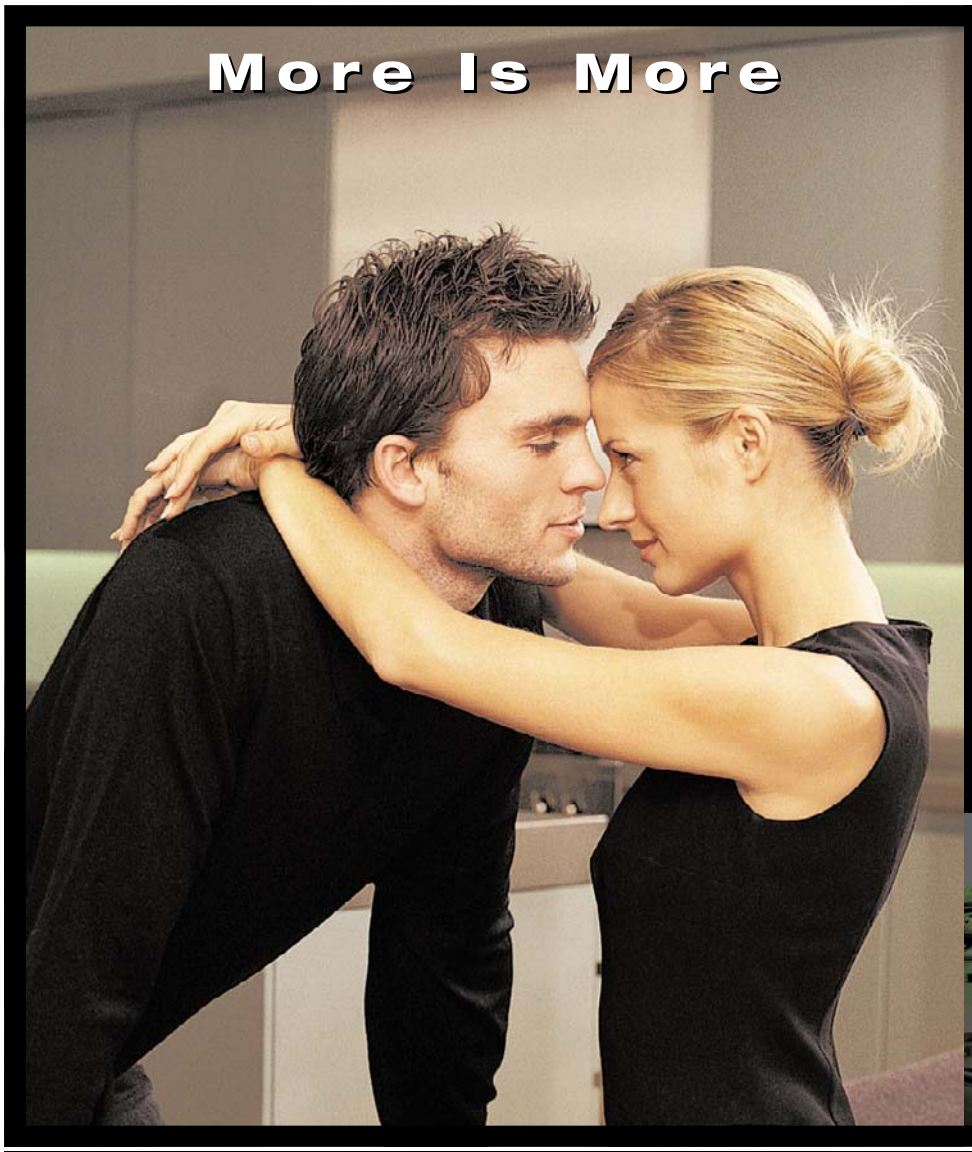

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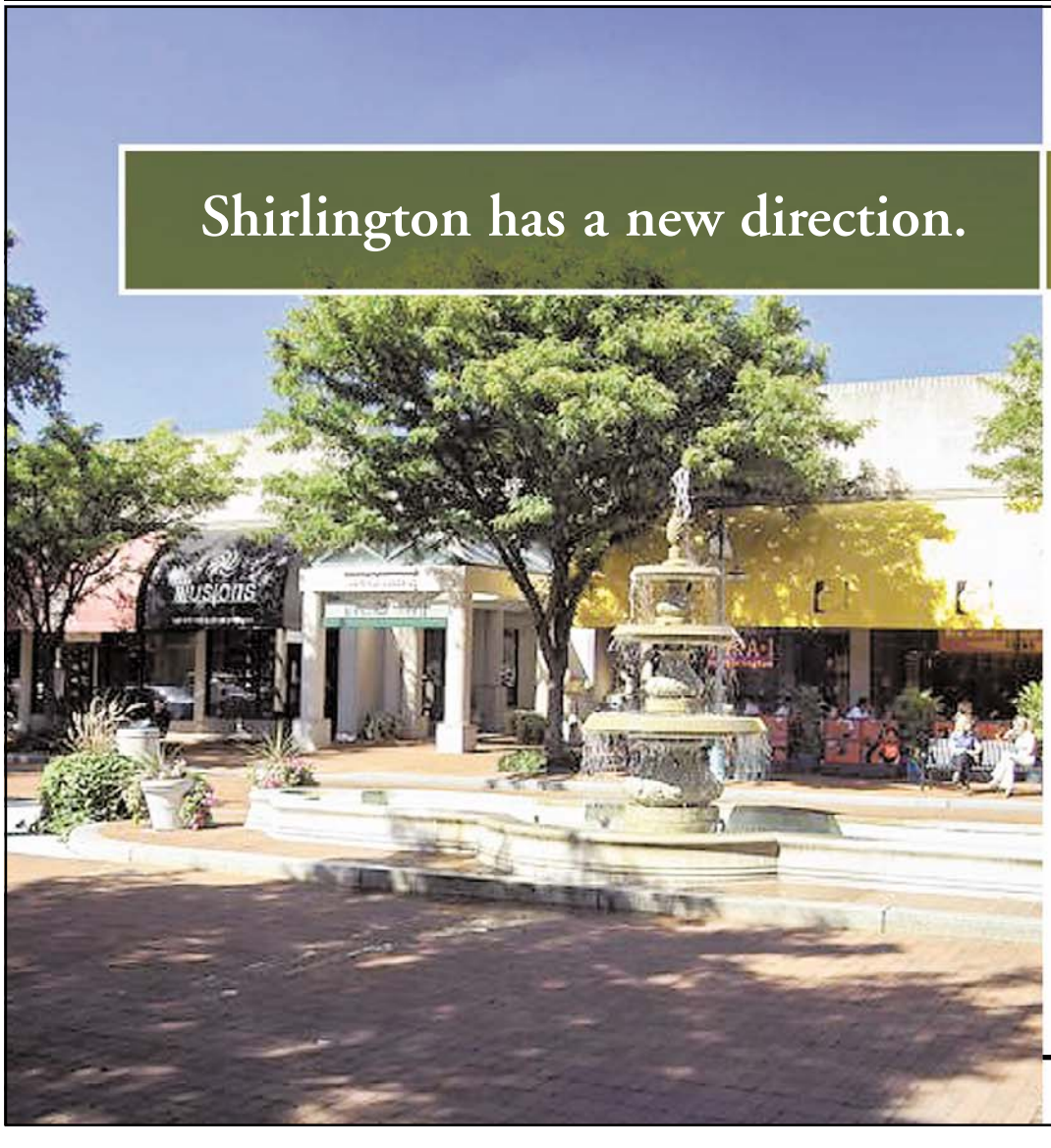

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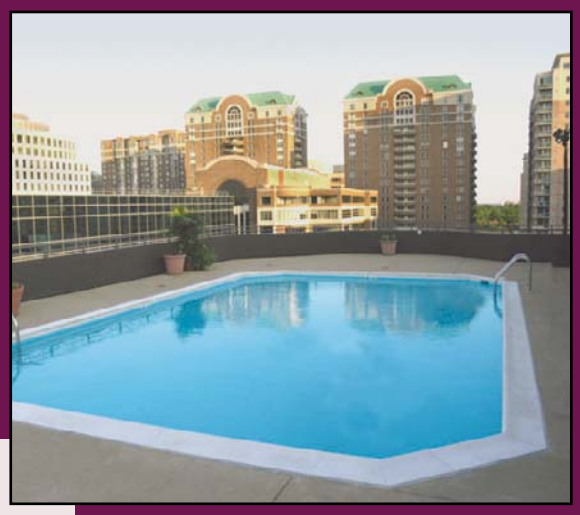

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ent customers who want that higher end. It's not going to cater to everybody," she said.

Meanwhile, moderately priced projects are trying to lure buyers with goodies that mimic those of more expensive condos.

The 28-unit Columbia Square complex in Columbia Heights will showcase built-in 42-inch Panasonic plasma televisions in every condo. Another freebie: thick drywall that's insulated by metal shock absorbers and matting to reduce sound transmission. The 450-square-foot junior one-bedroom is priced in the low $200s; sales start in September.

Realtors and potential homebuyers say plasma televisions, which cost more than $2,000, are a rarity in mid-market condos.

Julie Eddy, 33, has visited almost 15 condominiums, none of which had a flat-panel TV of any sort. The political action committee director's price limit is about $350,000.

After visiting a partially finished Columbia Square model, Eddy said, "I really like it. Granted, I really want to see it completely finished. Although I am continuing to look at other places, I'm gonna be shocked if I see anything that compares." She has her heart set on the unit's limestone countertops in the bathroom and flat-screen TV.

Real-estate brokers insist these giveaways are not a harbinger of an imminent real estate bust.

Gerard DiRuggiero, a broker and managing member of real estate brokerage UrbanLand Company, said, "The market is extremely strong, but nonetheless the developers are always looking for an advantage. They want to sell faster and move on to the next one."

The benefits to buyers are obvious. Private courtyards and patios lend the illusion of urban seclusion. Usually, "if you're in the city and you have a balcony, you're pretty much exposed to everybody," Thomas said. Two trees and a number of shrubs are the only things lurking outside his window.

Another upside is that, typically, purchasers wouldn't otherwise indulge themselves in a $6,000 outdoor grill or heated floors. Also, developers hide the connecting wires and install recessed outlets, saving buyers the cost of ripping out drywall for speakers or flat screens.

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Kitchens in the Southerland, above, came with custom cabinetry and Wolf/Subzero appliances. Units in the Ivy at Harvard, below, come with plasma TVs.

But there are also unexpected drawbacks to these incentives.

ReMax's Badawy says that some high-tech installations come with the risk of lower resale. "Plasma TVs will go away … technology ages a house. An entertainment room built and designed five years ago will be outdated today," he said. Surround sound and smart technology are exceptions, he added.

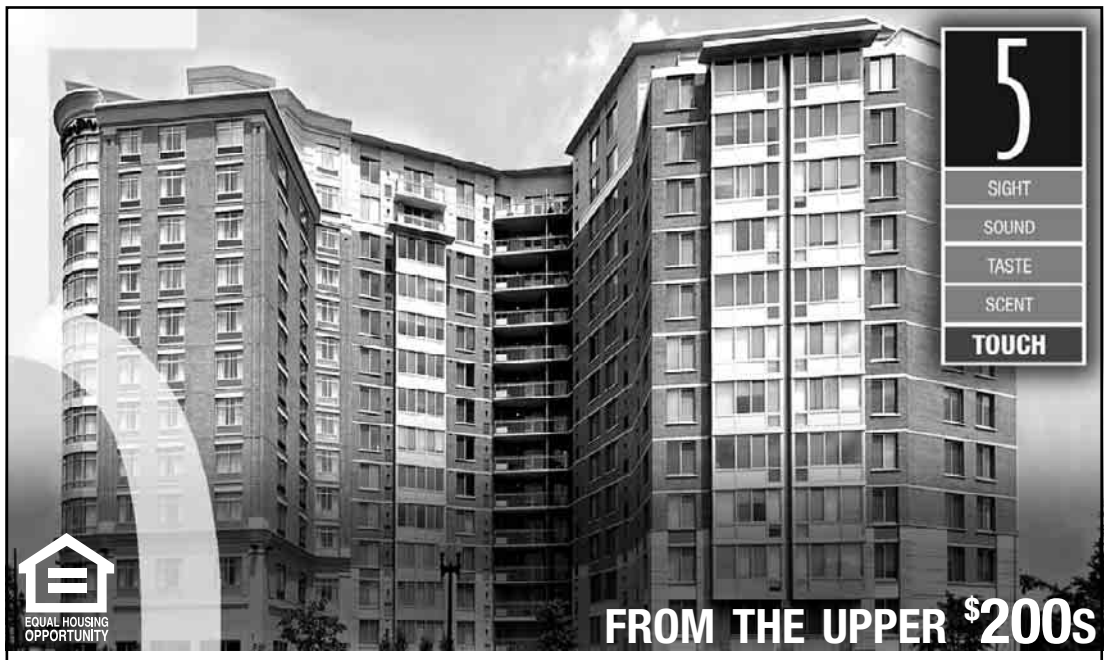
Badawy also disagrees with the notion that developers who bend over backwards to offer outlandish knick-knacks will outdo their rivals. "Maybe one out of a hundred clients will really care about reinforced walls. The dimmers … that's almost meaningless."

Jay Feldman, branch manager of Coldwell Banker Chevy Chase, contends there's no such thing as a free lunch. "They're offering it, but I'm sure they're charging for it and marking up the fee," he said. "A luxury car dealer makes more per car than for a stripped-down model."

Regardless of developers' motives, there are treasures to be had. Realtors recommend reading the fine print in condo contracts and associated literature to find hidden gems.

Elisa Schweizer, a Realtor with Long and Foster in the District, said perks promised in condo papers are not always listed in contracts. One of her client's condo documents referred to a gas fireplace, but the contract made no mention of it. Schweizer defended the buyer, saying he would back out of the deal. "The developer hurried and signed an addendum saying he would put a gas fireplace in there."

Likewise, Thomas advised condo buyers to fully research the quality of all included extras. Products can sound appealing on paper but translate into a pile of confusing wires and buttons. He suggested asking for the brand name of each item, learning what options are available on that item and figuring out how it works beforehand. So far, he said he's been pleased with his package. Except for the awe on his friends' faces, "when I moved in, there were no surprises." ALIYA STERNSTEIN



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Washington Post Real Estate editor Maryann Haggerty chatted about condos and other housing topics on Aug. 19. Catch future chats at washingtonpost.com.

I'm about to have an appraiser visit my condo in order to secure a home equity line of credit. I've never dealt with an appraiser before. What should I expect?

It's no big deal. If you've had previous appraisals (like the one that was done when you bought the condo), have a copy to show the appraiser. If you have made major improvements — i.e., completely redone the kitchen, or added a half-bath — point them out. (Cosmetic things like painting or floor-sanding don't count). Otherwise, just stay out of the appraiser's way.

As a recent owner of a condo in McLean, the recent surge in available condos is a bit concerning, especially in light of all the "bubble" and "correction" talk. What is your take on the increase in supply? Is this the signal of a change in the market?

Dunno. Even as sales slow a little, developers keep bringing new condos on the market. Are there buyers out there? We'll see. In the past, condos have been perhaps the most volatile sector of the market. But there are those who argue that it will be different this time, largely because of demographic changes that are increasing the number of would-be condo buyers out there.

Why doesn't D.C. encourage more retail in residential areas? Those may sound like opposites, but in a city like New York, there's a convenience store on every corner of every neighborhood — and a restaurant, a small shop, etc. It seems like if you have a combination of businesses and residences in up-and-coming areas, those neighborhoods are more likely to stay "up."

D.C. has a complex set of zoning rules, overlays, etc., that require retail on the ground floor of newly constructed areas (downtown, and West End come quickly to mind.) In the more "residential" areas, retail tends to cluster on "high streets," except for some corner stores, etc., that are grandfathered in. Residents of many neighborhoods, especially the less dense ones, HATE having retail too close to them. Just listen to the debate at any ANC meeting when anyone suggests any sort of commercial development.

We're first-time buyers, open to living in Northern Virginia or Montgomery County — our only criterion is that we're near (preferably walking distance from) a Metro station. Are there agents who can show us properties in both regions or will we need to find two? If we use two different agents, should we disclose this fact to each of them?

A lot of agents around here are licensed in two or three jurisdictions. The problem is that many specialize in a particular area, and really don't know the other ones well. So ask any agent you consider working with, and listen to determine whether the answer is an honest one.

It's terrible to contemplate the possibility of a devastating terrorist attack in the D.C. area, but I feel compelled to raise this question: What happens to the investment of a D.C. area homeowner in the event of such an attack? And would a typical insurance policy cover any physical damage, or would loss due to terrorism be excluded?

I'll take a deep breath, say a short prayer and answer this one: Well, there HAS been a terrorist attack here — the bombing of the Pentagon. Then, when we were still so upset, the anthrax thing. But it didn't seem to make a dent in real estate prices. People didn't flee the D.C. area after the attacks. Actually, companies specializing in homeland security grew and added workers. Also, of course, in NYC: after Sept. 11, real estate values in lower Manhattan tanked, but then they came back.

Insurance policies generally exclude paying for acts of war, damage from nuclear explosions, etc. But insurance companies also generally look individually at claims resulting from acts of terrorism. So you could be covered.

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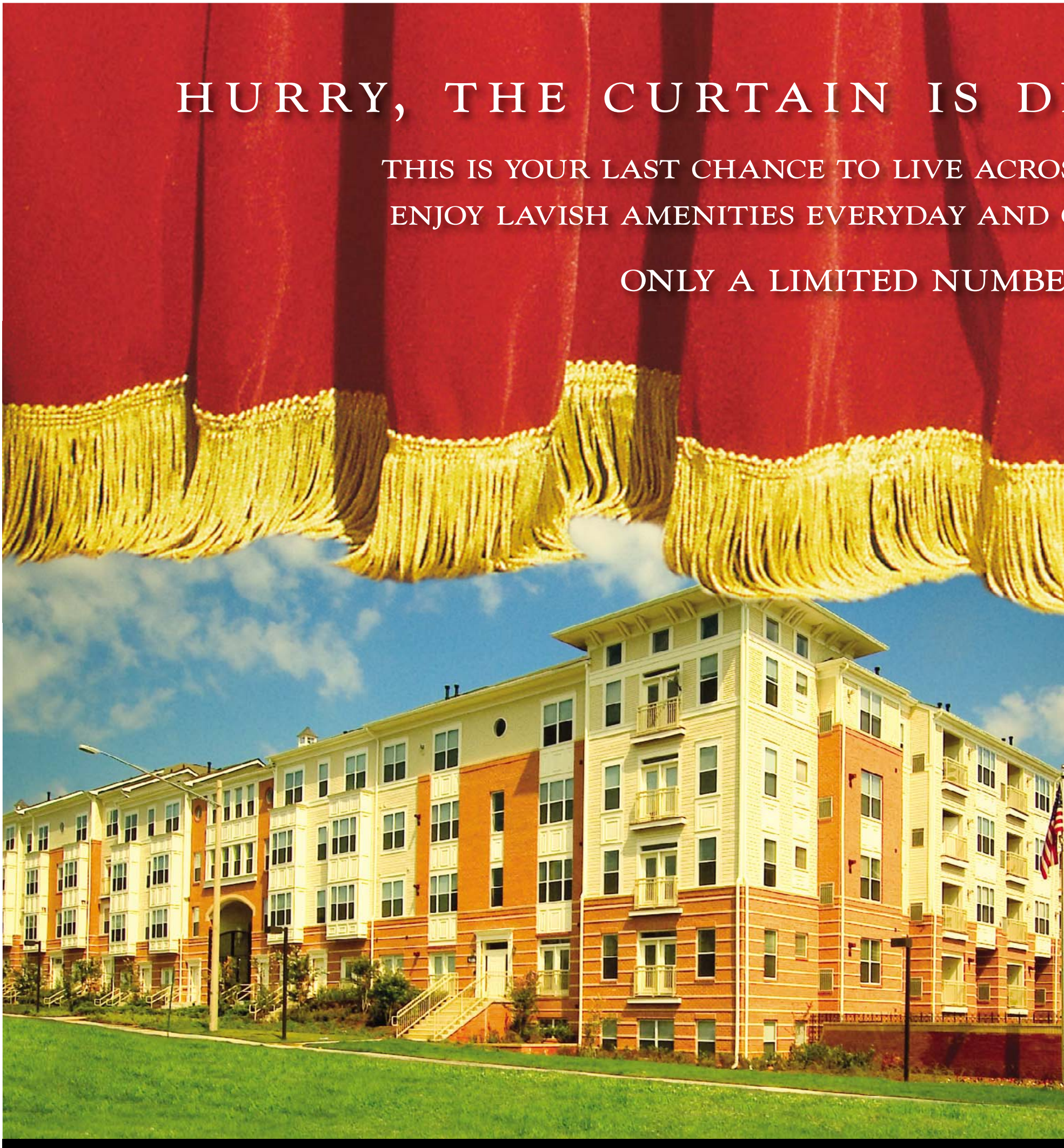

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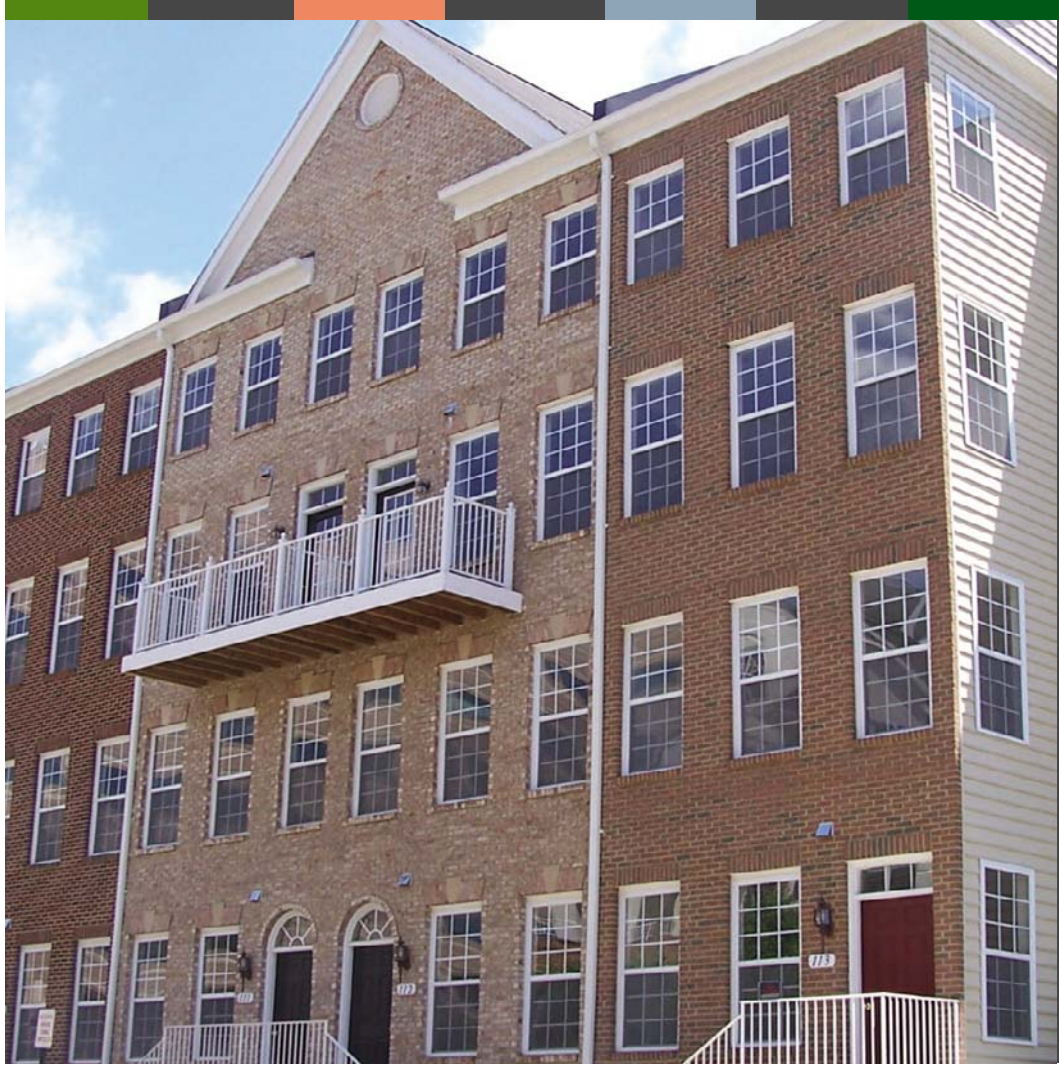

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Tenants in the neighborhood known as Near Southeast — a car mechanic, a small cab company, an after-school program for kids at risk of getting into trouble — look out their windows and watch. They watch as two 14-story buildings — one for a hotel, the other for co-ops — rise amid barren lots, shoved against an abandoned two-story building, crowding out an open-air drug market. They know that glam will not be denied, and that they are in the way.

A city-led redevelopment effort started to transform the decrepit patch south of Capitol Hill in the late 1990s, but it was the 2004 decision to place the Washington Nationals' baseball stadium in the neighborhood that launched a full-scale land rush. And the explosion of development that has surrounded MCI Center in Chinatown provided an enticing blueprint.

"They give such a hard time to everybody around here to try to get them to sell," said Davood Mirzaiee, a mechanic, talking about developers on the hunt as he fixed a cab's front end alignment. He bought a small lot at First and K streets SE last year for $250,000 and built a repair shop, calling it A-1 Tires Alignment Auto Service. In the last six months, he said, he's gotten a couple of offers from developers — one who said he was willing to pay as much as $1.5 million for Mirzaiee's lot, about the size of a large two-bedroom apartment.

The first pitch in the proposed baseball stadium is at least three years away, the ceremonial groundbreaking as yet unplanned, but the tantalizing prospect of a stadium has already set off a mad grab.

"This area is on fire," said Tim Temple, who owns Splash carwash near the corner of South Capitol and I streets, four blocks from the proposed stadium, and is considering at least two offers — one for approximately $8 million — for his land and a neighboring lot.

"Everything's going," said Temple, who bought his lot in 1978 with $164,001 he got in the settlement of a motorcycle accident. "We've got Congress on one side and the stadium on the other."

Marty Chernoff, a longtime landowner based in Denver, recently sold about two acres near First and I streets SE — an area roughly the size of two football fields — for more than $40 million. He owned some of that property with a part-

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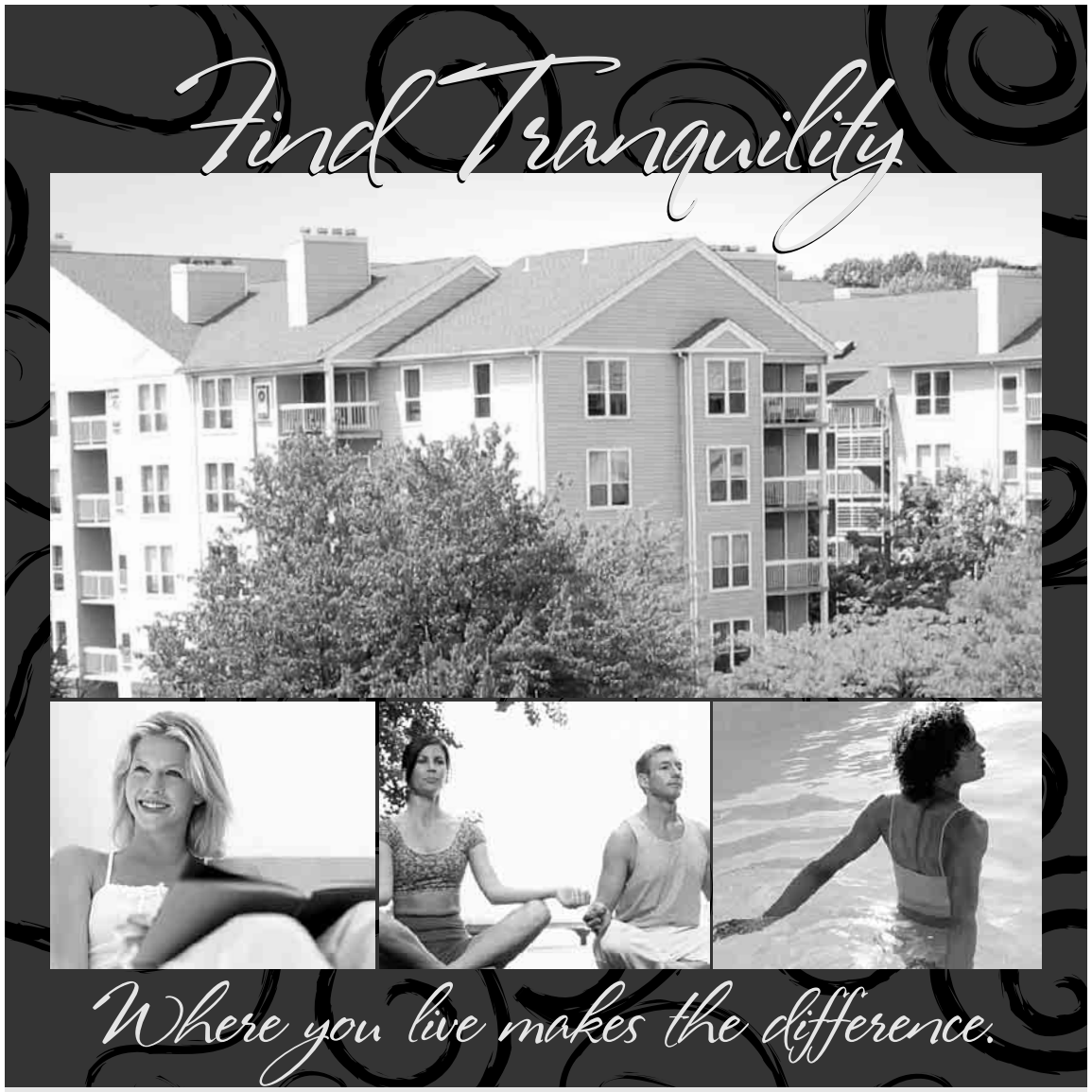

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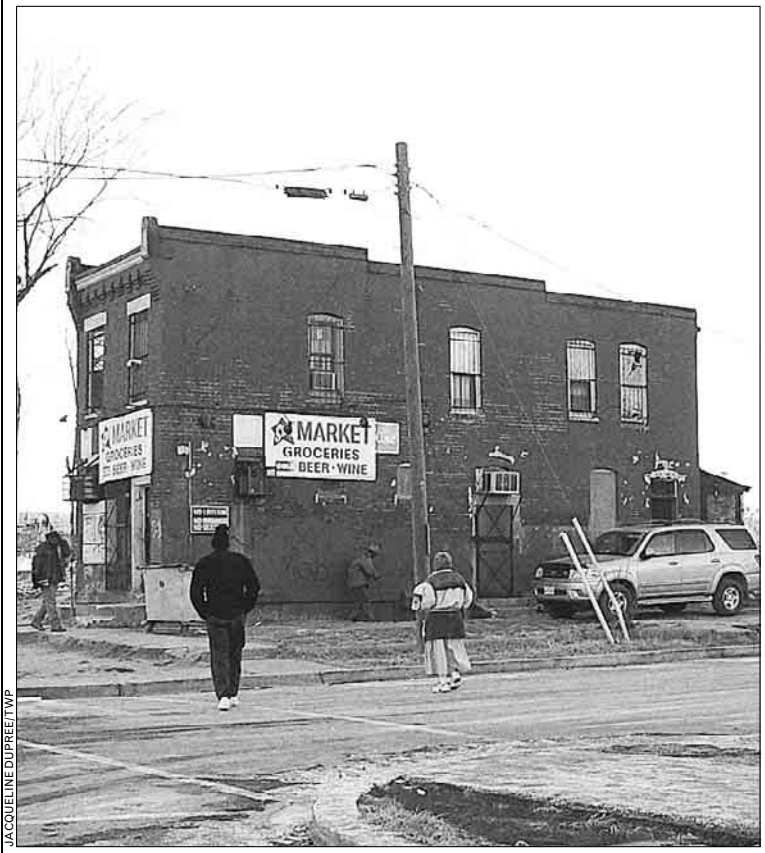

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Back in 2003, Star Market was the main building on the corner of L and Second streets in Southeast. It's now surrounded by a hotel and co-op complex.

Home Run

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ner, Leonard Greenberg, chief executive of Bethesda-based Greenhill Capital Corp.

Chernoff said he paid about $1.55 million for the land, which he began acquiring in 1987 when most investors saw only blight in Southeast and kept buying after the real estate crash of the late 1980s.

"It's a hot time in the old town tonight," Chernoff said jokingly. "There's a lot of buyers and not much supply. It's the old economics rule of supply and demand. As the demand goes up, so does the price.

"Baseball is a big part of what's driving it," he said. "It's the realization that this will be an upscale, quality neighborhood where you're close to Capitol Hill and close to the new stadium."

The stadium, which would take up an area that is now used mostly for sand and gravel hauling and other industrial uses, would sit three blocks south of the Chernoff property. It has created a magnetic field in the neighborhood bounded by Interstate 295 on the northern edge, the Anacostia River to the south, South Capitol Street SE to the west and as far east as 11th Street.

Just east of the stadium, the U.S. Department of Transportation is building a new headquarters near First and M streets SE, which will open next year. South of it, Forest City Enterprises Inc. of Cleveland plans to turn 40 acres into offices, residences, restaurants, shops and a waterfront park over the next decade.

Across from those two projects stands a gleaming new office building — 1100 New Jersey Avenue SE — with government contractors, a drugstore, burger joint and sub sandwich shop as tenants. A major developer — Donohoe Companies — owns an empty lot near the Navy Yard Metro stop and reportedly plans to put an office building there.

Behind the glassy office tower at M Street and New Jersey Avenue SE, New York-based developer Valhal Corp. is spending $110 million to put up the two 14-story buildings, a 344-unit luxury cooperative and hotel on a lot that once housed small, abandoned rowhouses and a warehouse that formerly stored tobacco. The open-air drug market, a prominent landmark until recently, has yielded to the

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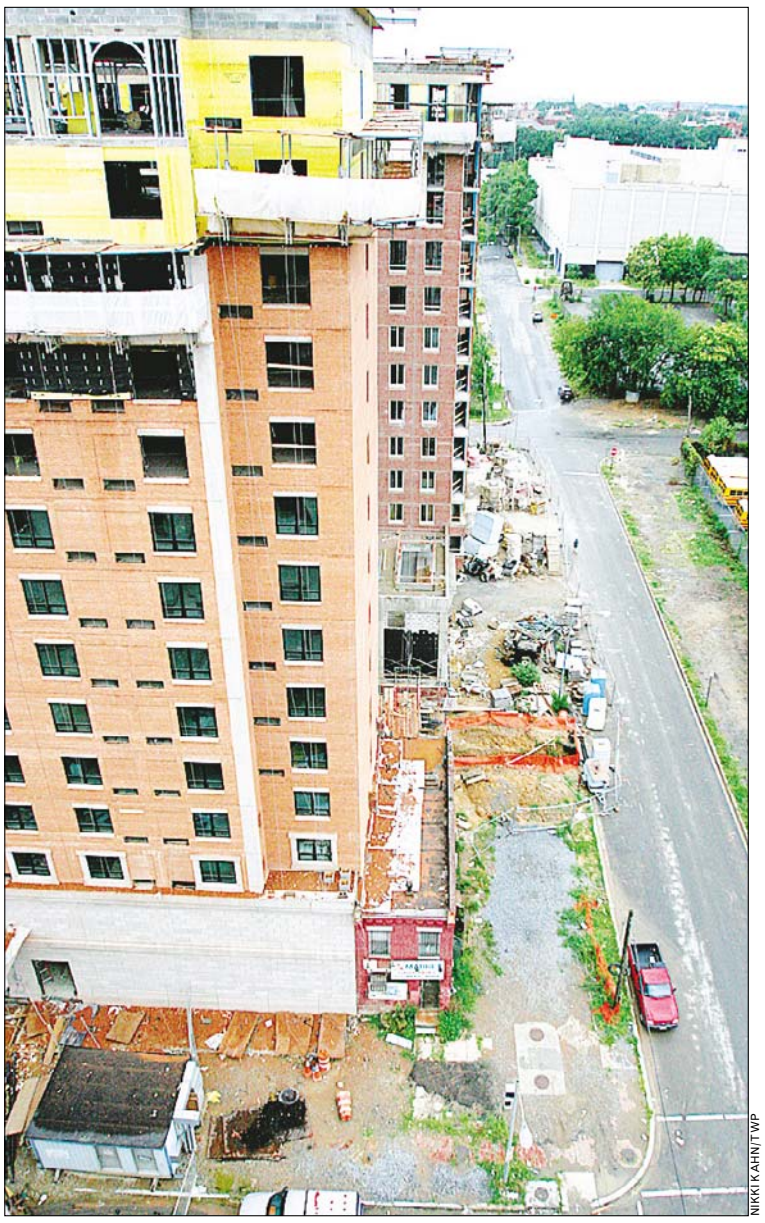

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Star Market in 2005, dwarfed by ValHal Corporation's Capitol Hill Tower project, which includes a Courtyard by Marriott, left, and a 340-unit residential building.

traffic of no-nonsense construction workers, providing a remarkable transformation.

"I brought a banker over one day to see the site, and there was a dead guy laying on the sidewalk," said Sheldon Stein, chief executive of Valhal, recalling a dark day a few years ago. "It was pretty dicey for a very long period of time," Stein said. "Needless to say, he didn't invest with us."

Valhal's co-op units are just being marketed. One-bedroom units will start in the high $200,000s, two-bedroom units as high as $400,000 on upper floors. Construction on the new complex, with a large indoor swimming pool and billiards room, started in spring 2004. It is scheduled to open next spring.

To the north and west are several auto mechanic shops, a few parking lots for trucks and a trash transfer station. On one side, the new complex overlooks a squat brick building that houses a program for at-risk kids. On the other sits a parking lot for school buses and rows of boarded-up public housing. The buses will give way to a new city park, and the public housing is being replaced by 1,500 apartments, condominiums and rowhouses with prices ranging from low-income to market rate.

The one spot Valhal couldn't get its hands on was a small brick rowhouse that once housed a market. The Star Market, as the red and blue sign above the boarded-up windows says, once sold "Cold Beer & Wine." Valhal offered the landowner a deal. "We tried to buy it, but the guy wanted $1 million for it," said Stein. "It's only worth $100,000.

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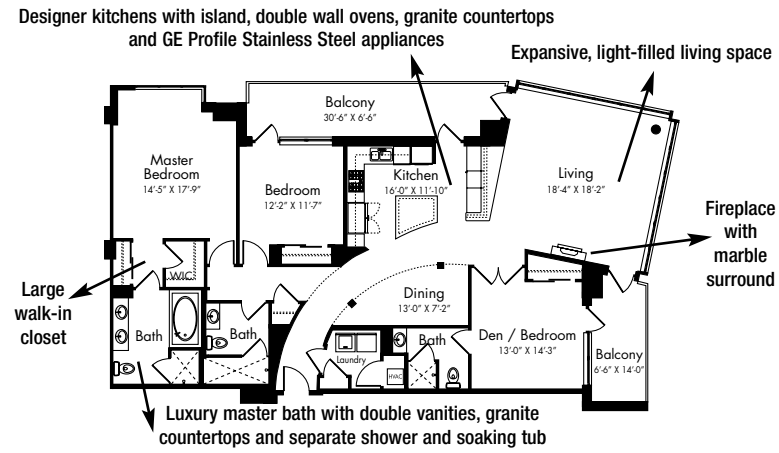

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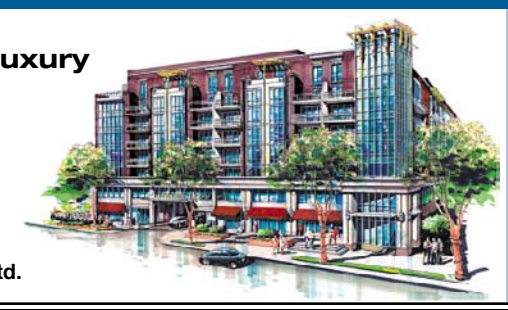

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We settled on $400,000." But the deal fell apart. Stein was ready to move forward on the project, and the landowner, who could not be reached for comment, was reluctant to sell. The market closed last fall. "He missed the boat," Stein said. "He decided to get serious after it was too late."

Stein designed his project around the little market, which now stands in the shadow of his hotel building — exactly an inch away, says Stein's construction superintendent. But, Stein said, it all worked out for the best because daylight now brightens a courtyard that faces Second Street SE.

"If I had built right up to the corner, it would have cut out the light and view of the courtyard," he said. "It doesn't look so terrible with the market there. The actual project comes out better because it's there."

How his co-ops will sell is a bit of an unknown. He is the first residential developer to build in the area in years. Stein said he expects to market the project to workers at the new transportation department headquarters, the nearby Navy Yard and on Capitol Hill. "Everybody's waiting to see how we do," Stein said. "Then they'll be right on our heels."

Much more development is coming. A half block from Stein's co-op and hotel project, Irving, Texas-based apartment developer JPI plans to put a residential and retail complex on some of the land it bought last week from Chernoff near First and I streets SE, now home to a strip club, the Nexus Gold Club. Nexus will probably be torn down in a year or so; Ron Hunt, manager, said he's looking for another location in downtown D.C.

The big, Bethesda-based developer Lerner Corp. is starting on an office building at Half and M streets SE, in the midst of empty lots and run-down buildings. Monument Realty LLC of Washington is also planning a large mixed-use development on land it owns near the stadium site, on N Street between Half and South Capitol streets. And a few blocks away, on I Street SW, Centex Homes of Dallas plans to build about 300 condominiums and a new home for the Corcoran College of Art and Design in a building once occupied by a recently closed homeless shelter. DANA HEDGPETH (WASHINGTON POST, ORIGINALLY PUBLISHED AUG.\ 15, 2005)

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‹ **ABDO DEVELOPMENT:** *abdo.com*

‹ **DONATELLI & KLEIN:** *dkdevelopment.com*

‹ **DRUMMOND DEVELOPMENT:** *drummonddev.com*

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‹ **MONUMENT REALTY:** *monumentrealty.com*

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BUYING TOOLS

‹ **AMERICAN SOCIETY OF HOME INSPECTORS:** Learn how to find a good home inspector. *ashi.org*

‹ **BANKRATE:** All things mortgage-rate related. Check out the calculators. *bankrate.com*

‹ **GREATER WASHINGTON COMMERCIAL ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS:** *gwcar.org*

‹ **HSH ASSOCIATES:** Track mortgage data for D.C. and other metro areas. *hsh.com*

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‹ **ALEXANDRIA OFFICE OF HOUSING:** *ci.alexandria.va.us|city|housing*

‹ **ARLINGTON COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY PLANNING, HOUSING AND DEVELOPMENT:** *www.co.arlington.va.us|cphd*

‹ **FAIRFAX COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT:** *www.co.fairfax.va.us|gov|rha*

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‹ **WASHINGTON, D.C. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT:** *www.dhcd.dc.gov*

REMODELING

‹ **NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF THE REMODELING INDUSTRY, D.C. CHAPTER:** Find a local contractor. *narimetrodc.org*

‹ **NATIONAL KITCHEN AND BATH ASSOCIATION:** A workbook walks you through kitchen and bathroom remodeling projects. *nkba.org/xconsumers*

‹ **REMODELING MAGAZINE:** *remodeling.hw.net*

‹ **WASHINGTONIAN GUIDE TO HOME REMODELING:** *washingtonian.com/etc/shopping/homeremodeling.html*

‹ **WASHINGTON POST, HOME CHAT:** Ask the Home section staff for remodeling tips. Every Thursday at 11 a.m. *washingtonpost.com/liveonline*

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‹ **COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION INSTITUTE:** The site your condo board is reading. *caionline.org*

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‹ **PENN-BRANCH:** *anc7b.org/penn-branch.htm*

‹ **PETWORTH:** *petworthdc.net*
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‹ **SHAW:** *shawdc.com*

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‹ **MARYLAND:** *dcmetro.maryland.com*
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‹ **MONTGOMERY COUNTY:** *montgomerycountymd.gov*

‹ **PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY:** *co.pg.md.us*
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‹ **BETHESDA:** *bethesda.org*

‹ **CHEVY CHASE:** *northchevychase.org*

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‹ **TAKOMA PARK:** *cityoftakomapark.org*

‹ **NORTHERN VIRGINIA:** *novaregion.org*

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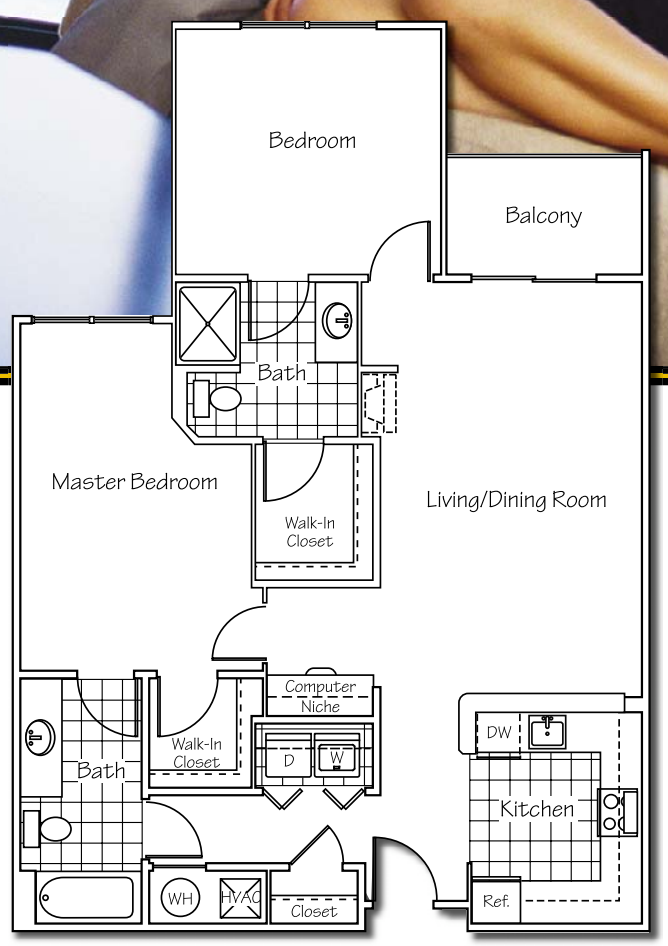

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